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Former Kach activist Baruch Marzel (left) verbally assaults President Ezer Weizman, who visited Tel Rumeida yesterday to pay a 'shiva' call on the family of terror victim Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anani. (Flash 90)

Police to probe Marzel for verbal attack on Weizman

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Police have ordered a criminal investigation against former Kach activist Baruch Marzel following his vicious verbal attack on President Ezer Weizman, who visited Tel Rumeida in Hebron yesterday to pay a condolence visit to the family of Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anani.

Flanked by police and security guards, Weizman was greeted at the entrance to the enclave by Marzel, who was holding a sign that read "President Traitor."

As the president progressed toward Ra'anani's caravan, Marzel said, "You are a spy and a danger to the public and should be hospitalized [in a mental institution] or imprisoned. You sold state secrets to the PLO twice."

Security men, settlers, and reporters stood by as Marzel lashed out at Weizman. The president told reporters afterward that the confrontation had been extremely distasteful.

"I considered telling him to go to hell, but decided it was better to maintain restraint," Weizman said.

Sitting in the caravan opposite Ra'anani's widow, Chaya, Weizman listened to the bereaved woman.

"The area here is full of Hamas! You [government leaders] gave these hills to the murderers of Hamas! This murderer who killed my husband was quick and agile. He trained carefully for this, and studied our actions. 'You should know that there is a nest of murderers here, who train well, and he could return again to kill. Who knows how many of them there are? Soon there will be an entire army of murderers!'

"Remember this! Wake up, leaders of the State of Israel! With all the respect that I and my husband have for you, wake up! Open your eyes!"

Later in the day, Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan visited Tel Rumeida. He demanded a halt to all negotiations with the Palestinians and supported strengthening and expanding the enclave.

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NIS 10m. pegged for Tel Rumeida

Cabinet okays funds for permanent structures in Hebron neighborhood

By LIAT COLLINS and ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The cabinet yesterday approved the construction of permanent structures in Hebron's Tel Rumeida area, where Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anani was stabbed to death in his caravan home Thursday night.

The necessary legal steps are to be taken to allow the structures to be speedily put up. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will decide on the exact sites and nature of the buildings.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon told settlers in Hebron last night that the government had allocated NIS 10 million for this purpose.

Netanyahu told the cabinet that it would be "a serious mistake to think that attacks on the Jewish residents of Hebron will weaken the community there."

In a statement after its meeting, the cabinet called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to condemn the murder of Ra'anani and distance himself from any sign of legitimizing the murder of Jewish residents of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

"The blood of Jews cannot be spilled with impunity, whether the people live in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Hebron," Netanyahu said.

He added that Hebron's Jews are "living in the heart of the Jewish homeland and particularly deserve protection."

Netanyahu also said Israel cannot agree to murderers wandering freely in the Palestinian autonomous areas.

Arafat's spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said the cabinet decision "does not serve the peace process and increases the atmosphere of instability and insecurity in the region."

Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz said Tel Rumeida should be fenced off, but Education Minister Yitzhak Levy and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza objected on the grounds it would hinder the neighborhood's development. Levy said it would turn the neighborhood into a ghetto.

Netanyahu said fencing it in would not prevent it from expanding.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat noted that in the government's decision approving the Hebron Agreement, it was stated that the Jewish community there should be strengthened.

Mordechai noted that the security presence in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza has been reinforced and that recently several terror attacks were successfully thwarted.

Netanyahu denied having received a report from the General Security Service warning that Jewish residents of Hebron could cause "provocations which could ignite the area."

His spokesman, Aviv Bushinsky, clarified that within the GSS there are those who believe that because Hebron residents feel that their security had deteriorated, "the situation could get worse and lead to violence by extremists on both sides. The word 'provocation' was not used."

Regarding the negotiations with the Palestinians, Netanyahu said the differences have been reduced but an agreement had yet to be reached. He said the principle of reciprocity needs to be discussed.

"It's clear that once an agreement is reached, we will immediately enter negotiations on the final status arrangements," he said.

Later he told the Fox television network that changing the Palestinian Covenant would be an integral part of any package deal.

"I won't go into the specifics of the negotiations because we're still in them, in a critical phase," Netanyahu said. "Our agreement to withdraw from additional territory depends first on the configuration and location of this territory."

He added that Israel is "obviously very concerned with each piece of land... both in terms of history and the very real terms of security. There is a specific Palestinian promise to act against this [terrorist] infrastructure; we want to see that in concrete terms as part of the deal, not only the physical battle against terrorism... but also the moral battle against terrorism and that is chiefly exhibited by their willingness to annul the Palestinian charter which calls for Israel's annihilation."

"It's not only Israel that has to give, the Palestinians have to give as well," he said.

Arafat is expected to speak to Dennis Ross in Oslo today, but a visit by a senior level US negotiator is unlikely unless it is clear something concrete will be achieved by the visit.

Netanyahu again rejected press reports that the Mossad or other Israeli group was involved in preparing the US attacks in Afghanistan and Sudan.

"It is simply a baseless fabrication," he said.

Margot Dudkevitch adds: Netanyahu's brother-in-law Hagi Ben-Artzi yesterday began a protest outside Netanyahu's residence, demanding a halt to the peace negotiations.

"Netanyahu is betraying our basic ideology and the residents of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza," he said.

Yeltsin fires cabinet, reappoints Chernomyrdin

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin dismissed the Russian government yesterday and replaced his young prime minister with the Soviet-style leader he fired five months ago.

The surprise announcement came in the midst of one of the worst economic crises since the Soviet collapse, and one week after the Russian government effectively devalued the ruble.

US President Bill Clinton, who is due to hold a summit meeting with Yeltsin in a little over a week, had expected a shakeup and was not worried by it, a White House official said in Edgartown, Massachusetts, where Clinton is vacationing.

Yeltsin gave no reason for firing Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko, 36, a former banker who had won respect from Western economists and some Russians even as he failed to stem the collapse of the Russian stock market and the steady degradation of the economy.

Yeltsin, on the last day of a five-week vacation, issued a terse announcement through his press service firing Kiriyenko and his cabinet and appointing Viktor Chernomyrdin as acting prime minister.

Although Chernomyrdin is generally respected in political and business circles, the sudden change seemed likely to further undermine confidence in Yeltsin's leadership.

Yeltsin has a long history of firing top aides when things aren't going well, and trying to shift the blame and absolve himself of any responsibility. He has fired dozens of ministers during his years in the Kremlin.

"It's simply comical," said Vladimir Lukin, a leader of the liberal Yabloko bloc in parliament. He said the decision "reveals the deep confusion and uncertainty at the center of executive power," according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Duma Speaker Gennady Seleznyov said he welcomed Yeltsin's decision to fire Kiriyenko, whose government was "not capable of working efficiently," the Interfax news agency reported.

However, he criticized the reappointment of Chernomyrdin.

"This endeavor is unlikely to succeed since Kiriyenko's government, which survived just over 100 days, continued what the former cabinet was doing," Seleznyov was quoted as saying.

Report: Bin Laden targeting US, Israeli sites

News agencies

Islamic militants have started planning their retaliation against the US targeting US and Israeli strategic sites and airliners, a leading Moslem activist was quoted as saying yesterday, in a warning he said came directly from Osama bin Laden.

Omar Bakri Mohammed, leader of a London-based Islamic group known to have connections to the Saudi dissident linked to the US embassy bombings in Africa, read a statement he said was signed by bin Laden to Italy's *La Repubblica* newspaper.

"The international Islamic Front announces that the war has begun. Our response to the barbaric bombardment against Moslems of Afghanistan and Sudan will be ruthless and violent."

"All the Islamic world has mobilized to strike a prominent American or Israeli strategic objective, to blow up their airplanes and to seize them."

Mohammed is head of Al-Muhajiroun, or the Emigrants, which says it represents the interests of Moslems in the Arab world. Bin Laden has been known to send envoys or videos to its rallies, bearing messages from him.

The United States linked bin Laden's Afghanistan-based militant network to the bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Thursday, US missile strikes targeted sites in Afghanistan and Sudan allegedly connected with bin Laden.

Calling the missile attacks an "irreparable error" by Clinton, Mohammed said, "Our response could happen in any corner of the world."

Retaliation for the US attacks

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will end only when the last American soldier has left Saudi Arabia and the Gulf and when the embargo against Iraq is over, Mohammed said.

"We will not give a truce to America," he said.

A confession to Pakistani authorities by a suspect in the US embassy bombings in Africa was a key factor in President Bill Clinton's decision to order the strikes against alleged terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan, *Newsweek* magazine says, in today's edition.

The report said that another factor providing Clinton with the evidence he wanted of alleged involvement by bin Laden was an intercepted mobile phone conversation between two of bin Laden's lieutenants that implicated them in the bombings.

Britain said yesterday it, too, has independent evidence that bin Laden was involved in the East Africa bombings and is planning more attacks.

"We had independent evidence to link bin Laden with atrocities, not only in the East African embassies but elsewhere," British Defense Minister George Robertson told Sky television. "And we had indications that he was going to be involved in further atrocities." He did not say where these had been expected to take place but said the targets were "other installations in other parts of the world."

"So [Thursday's US missile attacks are] not in reprisal. It is not in revenge. It was done in accordance with international law as a method of protecting citizens and to give a very clear signal to international terrorists like bin Laden that there is no safe haven for them and that they cannot act this way with impunity."

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Aish Hatorah drops alleged mafia figure from dinner list

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Aish Hatorah's fund-raising dinners have acquired a reputation for attracting the movers and shakers of the Jewish business and entertainment worlds.

But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who last year was guest of honor at a Beverly Hills fund-raiser for the organization's Jerusalem Fund, is balking at attending its annual dinner in Jerusalem this week. The reason? Because the president of the All-Ukrainian Jewish Congress, Vadim Rabinovich, who allegedly has ties with the so-called Russian mafia also was invited.

Among the honorees this year, who today begin a whirlwind schedule, are US Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Lady Margaret Thatcher, former US ambassador to the UN Jean Kirkpatrick, and New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman.

When it came to the attention of Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky that Rabinovich, who lives near Netanya and commutes to Kiev by private plane, would be present at the dinner, the Prime Minister's Office notified the organizers that the prime minister would not attend. So Aish Hatorah decided to disinvite Rabinovich.

A press release put out by Bushinsky states that this was done by Zvi Raviv, an adviser to Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. But in a telephone interview, Raviv said he thought Aish Hatorah had cancelled the invitation.

Rabbi Irwin Katsof, the Jerusalem Fund's co-executive director, said he was trying to track Rabinovich down in the Ukraine, but thought that Rabinovich might have already been informed of the cancellation through some other official source.

"If there's a shadow of a doubt," he said, hinting at the allegations against Rabinovich, "we don't want to compromise the prime minister."

He did confirm, however, that Rabinovich would not be honored and would not be at the dinner.

"I had no idea what skeletons were lurking," Katsof said. "We're not an intelligence organization, we're an educational organization."

Aish Hatorah, a yeshiva based in Jerusalem's Old City, has thousands of outreach programs around the world.

Katsof said that he had been told by many people that Rabinovich is the sponsor of every Jewish organization in the Ukraine — "hospitals, synagogues, Jewish outreach, everything."

Alan Cohen, Israel mission co-chairman, said that he did not know until Friday night that Rabinovich is considered persona non grata.

"I don't know who disinvited him," he said.

Rabinovich's secretary, Alisa Shmerkin, had no knowledge of the cancellation of his invitation.

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NEWS

in brief

Girl raped in Tel Aviv

A 12-year-old girl was raped by a man near her home in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon. Police said her mother filed a complaint last night, saying her daughter had been assaulted by an unidentified man. Police said they were investigating whether the attack might have been carried out by a wanted serial rapist in the city. *Itim*

Bodies of missing women found in India

The bodies of Hila Macani, 22, of Kfar Sava, and Na'ama Boaz, 23, of Yehud, who disappeared in northern India last week were found yesterday morning in the water of the Hindus River, a tributary of the Ganges.

The girls were missing for 10 days after an Indian army truck in which they got a ride was swept away by floods. The bodies were found by a search party of the local army and the Shiloah-Harel insurance company. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Egypt's FM pays surprise visit to Syria

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa held talks yesterday with Syrian President Hafez Assad on ways to revive the stalled Middle East peace process.

Moussa, who arrived for a surprise one-day visit, told reporters he and the president had discussed Egypt's proposal to convene an international conference on the process.

Moussa said he delivered a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and received a reply from Assad. He did not disclose the contents of either message. Arab diplomats in Cairo said yesterday that Moussa was preparing the ground for a Mubarak visit to Syria. *AP*

Yehuda Gil begins his defense

The defense yesterday began presenting its case in the trial of Yehuda Gil, the Mossad operative accused of presenting his handlers with fraudulent reports.

The trial is being conducted behind closed doors. Gil is expected to take the stand in his own defense. *Itim*



Yehuda Gil

Israeli diver dies in Sinai

The body of Yosef Melnick, 22, of Jerusalem, was returned to Israel from Egypt yesterday. Melnick died over the weekend following a diving accident off a Sinai beach near Dahab. *Itim*

Russian tourist stabbed in Jerusalem

A 37-year-old tourist said he was stabbed by two Arabs on the Mount of Olives in eastern Jerusalem yesterday. He was stabbed in arm and shoulder and his wounds were described as light. He was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Mt. Scopus. *Amy Klein*

Boy's body found on Acre beach

The body of Subah Ismail, 14, of Majd el-Kurum, who had disappeared while swimming at the Acre beach on Saturday, was found washed up on the beach, some 50 meters north of the Rafael plant, yesterday afternoon. The body was found by border policeman who had been searching the beach. *Itim*

IDF doctors come to aid of Lebanese boy

Doctors from the IDF's Medical Corps yesterday helped save the life of a four-year-old Lebanese boy who fell two floors from the balcony of his home in the Christian township of Marjayoun in the security zone.

The youngster was brought to the hospital in Marjayoun suffering serious head and stomach injuries. Medical Corps doctors managed to stabilize his condition sufficiently to enable him to be evacuated by an IAF helicopter to Haifa's Rambam hospital for further treatment. *David Rudge*

Colombia arrests alleged Israeli drug trafficker

Colombian authorities announced the arrest yesterday of an Israeli wanted for his alleged involvement in a drug-smuggling ring that shipped Colombian cocaine to Russian drug gangs.

A brief statement from Colombia's state security police, known as the DAS, identified the man as Avi Salach and said he had been a fugitive from justice for the last five years. Salach had been formally charged with drug smuggling in Colombia in 1993, when his name came up in connection with a shipment of three tons of cocaine seized in a joint operation by anti-drug agents from Colombia, Israel and Britain, the DAS said. *Reuters*

Peace Now: Planned tourist center a front for settlement

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Peace Now lashed out at the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza yesterday, charging that its plans to open a tourist center in Wadi Kelt are fraudulent and that the real nature of the project is to establish another settlement.

"We have seen enough examples of how archaeological digs and other sites have been used to settle and we demand a halt to the plans immediately. The council is misleading the public," said Peace Now spokeswoman Hagit Yaari.

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar rejected the charges and stressed that the aim of the project is to preserve the nature reserve, offer tourists advice on hiking in the area, and maintain a daily presence with people "keeping an eye on the area" and tending to its upkeep.

"Six people murdered there in the past definitely warrants an upgrade in the reserve's upkeep," said Tayar, adding, "Once the area is tended to, it will be a safer place for hikers to visit. It is one of the most beautiful reserves left near Jerusalem."

Nitsan Ilan, assistant spokes-

woman at the Ministry of Tourism, said the project is only in its initial planning stages and is being carried out by the Government Tourist Bureau, the Jewish Agency's settlement department, the Nature Protection and National Parks Authority, and the Binyamin Regional Council. Plans include refurbishing buildings in the reserve, maintaining hiking trails, and setting up a proper information center and restaurant/kiosk at the entrance.

So far, said Ilan, NIS 50,000 has been invested in the planning stages and the same amount will be invested by the regional council and the Jewish Agency.

A group of youths moved to the site nearly two months ago to establish a presence where a memorial will be erected in memory of the Israelis killed there by terrorists.

Speaking on Arutz 7 yesterday, Pinhas Wallerstein, Binyamin Regional Council head and chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, expressed the hope that the site would eventually become an integral part of Anatot and the Greater Jerusalem municipality.

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Hebron closure, curfew to continue

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The curfew on Palestinians in the Israeli-controlled sector of Hebron and the closure on the city will remain in effect for the time being, Col. Yigal Sharon, commander of the Hebron Brigade, informed the commanders of the Palestinian forces in the city yesterday.

Military sources said that the curfew will most likely be lifted periodically so that residents can stock up on supplies. Exceptions also will be made in humanitarian cases.

At their first meeting since Tel Rumeida resident Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anun was murdered in his home last Thursday, the IDF commanders in Hebron also complained to their Palestinian counterparts that they had not publicly condemned the killing.

Sharon demanded that the Palestinian Police act immediately to catch the perpetrators of the attack. He also demanded it maintain law and order in its sector of the city to prevent clashes between soldiers and Palestinians.

Both sides stressed the importance of a continued dialogue and cooperation in order to quell the tensions in the city.

West Bank Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub termed the situation "very tense." He said Israel is encouraging settlement in the city and said the PA cannot guarantee the safety of settlers there. "These settlers should leave the city," he said.

Meanwhile, soldiers yesterday erected a checkpoint at Tel Rumeida, set up cement blocks in the city, and took other defensive measures.

The IDF Spokesman rejected claims by Palestinians that a three-month-old Palestinian baby died because soldiers refused to allow his mother to take him to the hospital.

Sherine Badr-al-Haddad, 23, said she wanted to take her son, one of a set of triplets, to the local hospital as he was suffering from influenza. Soldiers at the checkpoint refused to allow her to pass, she said, forcing her to take a



Security forces disperse Jewish children who were throwing rotting vegetables and fruit at journalists in Hebron yesterday. (Reuters)

longer route to the hospital. The baby died en route.

The IDF Spokesman said an investigation had uncovered no report of such an incident. The body of a Palestinian worker who apparently died in a work-related accident was allowed through by soldiers, the statement added.

The spokesman said all soldiers at checkpoints received strict orders regarding medical emergencies and were ordered to give humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. In addition, basic supplies are allowed to be transported into the city, he added.

However, PA officials said the situation of Palestinians in Hebron

is becoming desperate — with the closure causing shortages of water and basic supplies.

Israeli officials said they have not received any complaints of shortages. "We are in close contact with the hospitals," the spokesman for government coordinator for the territories Shlomo Dror said. "We told them any shortage that you have, just tell us. We are ready to help. Until now, we didn't receive any complaints of shortages."

Despite the curfew, throughout the day there were sporadic clashes between soldiers, Jewish youths, and Palestinians.

IDF forces dispersed Jewish youths who had been smashing

Palestinian-owned vegetable stalls. Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said a Palestinian who lives near Tel Rumeida reported that settlers had smashed the windows of his house. Another Palestinian reported his vehicle was set on fire.

Sivan also said police are questioning three Palestinian journalists who ignored request by IDF forces to leave the area under curfew. Sivan said the journalists attacked a policeman on Shuhada Street.

Police were searching yesterday for a Palestinian who attempted to run down a policeman near the Tarkumiya checkpoint. Sivan said police in a van near the checkpoint

stopped the car and asked to see the driver's papers. The driver handed over the papers and attempted to run down the policeman before fleeing the area. Police fired warning shots and found his abandoned car at the side of the road shortly afterward, Sivan added.

During the afternoon, two Israelis were lightly injured when their cars were stoned, one in the Ramallah area and one near El Aroub refugee camp.

PA officials said several settlers tried to enter H-1, the PA-controlled sector of Hebron, but were stopped by troops.

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Special Knesset session today to address terror

By LIAT COLLINS

At the request of 60 MKs, the Knesset is scheduled to hold a special session today to discuss the terror attack in Hebron, the situation in Lebanon, and the US action in Sudan and Afghanistan.

The Labor and Meretz parties originally had called for the special session on what they called the government's "antisocial budget." The Likud asked to respond in a discussion on the financial deficit it inherited from the Labor government.

Labor and Meretz now are asking the topic be the attack in Hebron, the "complete freeze in the diplomatic process," and the escalation of hostilities in southern Lebanon. The Likud is asking

for a discussion on "the war on terror, wherever it's found, and the situation in Lebanon." Moledet has joined the Likud in demanding that the attack in Yitzhar earlier this month, in which Shlomo Lieberman and Harel Bin-Nun were shot to death, also be discussed.

Last minute changes to the agenda are likely. Since the plenum is being refurbished and renovated during the recess, the session will be held in the Knesset auditorium.

Labor whip Elie Goldschmidt called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to present a statement to the nation at the session and Meretz whip Haim Oron said the premier should personally answer the motions. This, however, is unlikely. At the end of such

sessions, a vote is taken on whether the topic should be discussed further in the plenum, in committee or dropped from the agenda.

Acting Likud whip Ruby Rivlin, who is replacing MK Meir Sheerit while he is in Norway for the ceremony marking five years since the Oslo Accords, called on all the parties to unite in denouncing the terror attack last Thursday in which Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anun was killed and to voice support of the US response to the attacks on two of its embassies in Africa.

He also called on them to denounce Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin for saying that Israelis should be hit to avenge the US attack in Afghanistan.

PA daily: Lewinsky a Zionist plot

By STEVE RODAN

A Palestinian Authority daily has accused the "Zionist lobby" in the US of blackmailing President Bill Clinton by having him seduced by Monica Lewinsky.

In an article that echoes the conspiracy theories of Arab publications in the rest of the Middle East, the official PA newspaper *Al Hayat al-Jedida* said Lewinsky, the 25-

year-old former White House intern, was planted by the Zionist lobby to seduce Clinton and then blackmail him into leaving Israel alone and not pressuring Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu into implementing a withdrawal in the West Bank.

The newspaper said Lewinsky's dress that was allegedly stained with Clinton's semen "was pulled out of the AIPAC [American-Israeli

Public Affairs Committee] warehouse."

The PA newspaper calls Clinton's affair with Lewinsky "the use of democracy in the service of the conspiracy." "There was a need to reduce the American pressure on the Israeli government and there was a need to convey a clear message to Clinton that he cannot boycott Netanyahu and refuse his calls," the newspaper said.

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Robertson said the US claimed to have hard evidence that the Shifa Pharmaceutical plant in Khanouni was going to be used to make chemical weapons, although it may not have actually made them before the US attack.

"That is what it was going to be used to produce. It may not have produced it. It certainly was going to produce it. That is what they [the Americans] have told us," he said.

"I have spoken to the American defense secretary myself, and the Americans are absolutely sure that they have compelling evidence that this factory was engaged in developing biological and chemical weapons or the means of getting to those weapons," Robertson added on BBC radio.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told ABC's *This Week* that

the missile attack on suspected terrorist bases in Afghanistan had hurt bin Laden's suspected ability to conduct a terrorist campaign against Americans. "We think that what we managed to do was to have some significant impact on the terrorist planning activities in what is a major terrorist camp," Albright said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen told NBC's *Meet the Press* it is hard to say how many people were gathered at the bases in Afghanistan. He said the US struck when it did because it had evidence of a gathering of bin Laden followers at the camp sites, but that he did not know if the Saudi multimillionaire was present during the attack and did not know if he survived.

"We didn't know if he would be there or not," Cohen said. "He was not our target as such. We were targeting his infrastructure and his network and we believe that was a mission accomplished."

Sen. Dan Coats, an Indiana Republican who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said yesterday on CNN that there is "credible evidence" as to why the US had acted when it did.

Immediately following the attack, Coats was among the first to question its timing, speculating that Clinton may have approved the mission to divert public attention away from the sex and perjury scandal involving Monica Lewinsky.

MARZEL

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Marzel's unprecedented attack on the president generated a huge outcry across the political spectrum.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza sent a telegram to Weizman apologizing for Marzel's words and demanded that he be ousted from the Hebron Jewish community.

"His attack was despicable and unacceptable and we demand he be cast out of the Jewish community in Hebron," council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar said.

Peace Now held a solidarity gathering outside Beit Hanassi last night and called on the government to evacuate the Jewish community from Hebron.

"Baruch Marzel is not the only extremist there," said spokeswoman Hagit Yaari, who added, "Building permanent housing in Tel Rumeida is not a solution to the problem."

MKs Ophir Pines (Labor) and Ran Cohen (Meretz) called on Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to pursue an investigation of Marzel and filed a complaint with the police.

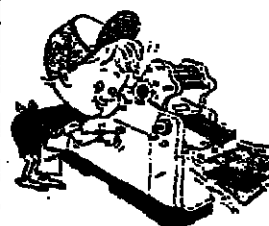
Labor Party leader Ehud Barak called the statements directed at Weizman "shocking." Such incitement must be torn out by the roots, he said.

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Ateret Kohanim unworried by report of GSS infiltrator

By AMY KLEIN

Reports yesterday of an infiltrator from the General Security Service within Ateret Kohanim were brushed off by the right-wing organization.

It doesn't matter if the GSS sends agents, executive director Yossi Kaufman said, because "we do everything according to the law and we have nothing to hide from the GSS."

Kaufman added that he had already spoken to the suspected infiltrator and has prevented him from playing a major role in any of their events.

But the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza is concerned, said spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar.

"We have noticed in past years, that [GSS] people have infiltrated the margins of our organizations and our communities to spy on us," she said. Tayar said she probably knows the suspected agent by face, and added that infiltrators are not hard to identify.

"We know our people. Of course, there are some oddballs, but most people are concerned with leading normal lives," she said. If someone acts abnormally - an extremist trying to incite people - he is usually investigated, or shunned by the community, she said.

Tayar said this is the first incident she knew of which occurred during the present government, but during the last government it was much more prevalent.

"We see the results of Avishai Raviv [a right-wing agitator and former associate of Yigal Amir alleged to be a GSS informant]," she said. "Not only was Raviv damaging to the people in our communities, but he was dangerous as a precedent by the government. It should have been a lesson well-learned."

Former GSS head Ya'acov Perry told Israel Radio yesterday that it was acceptable and necessary for the GSS to infiltrate extreme organizations on both sides of the political spectrum.

Driver remanded after woman crushed in pub

Michal Zilcah's blind date with Guy Pardo at a Tel Aviv pub on Saturday night ended in tragedy, when a car came flying through the pub's front window, crushing her to death and pinning him between the car and the bar.

Three other people who had been sitting at tables near the window inside the relatively empty Rose Pub, on the corner of Ibn Gvirol and Marmurak streets, also were lightly injured.

Alon Bar, who allegedly had been driving through the intersection by the pub suddenly turned left, hitting another car and sending it into the pub. The driver of the second car, Ofir Weizman, 20, from Holon, and its two passengers had to be extracted from the car by rescue squads, who were assisted by patrons and employees of the bar. They were lightly injured and were taken to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, along with the other victims.

"I saw lights coming closer to the window and heard screams and after that I remember that there was a table on top of me and people were speaking above me. That's all. After that I blacked out until they asked me if I was OK," said Pardo, 35, of Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz who recently returned to Israel after spending five years working in the U.S.



An employee of the Rose Bar yesterday surveys the damage inside following Saturday night's accident.

(Israel Sun)

In response to US bombings Expert warns of retaliatory terrorism

By AMY KLEIN

The world should brace itself for more terrorist attacks in response to the US strike on Afghanistan and Sudan last Thursday, said Boaz Ganor, the director of the Herzliya-based International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The US missile strikes probably raised the terrorists' motivation but did not severely limit their operational abilities, Ganor said, pointing out that these two factors generally determine the likelihood of a "boomerang effect."

Countries planning an offensive counterterrorist attack should always consider the boomerang effect, he said, but "terror organizations always try to claim any attack was in revenge for operations against them."

Despite repercussions, Ganor said, there are worthy offensive targets.

"If the American evaluation was correct [that the Shifa Pharmaceutical plant was a chemical weapons factory], these aims justify the measures taken by the US," he said.

The US attacks in Afghanistan and Sudan targeted Saudi dissident millionaire Osama bin Laden, whom the US holds responsible for the August 7 bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Israel is likely to be a target for revenge attacks, Ganor said, given that bin Laden has criticized the US for supporting Israel.

To prevent more terrorist attacks, Ganor said, "America must make clear that they have enough intelligence and capability to escalate attacks on bin Laden's network to destroy it completely, and they must make clear to the states [that harbor terrorists] they will have to pay the price," Ganor said.

"They should also gain the support of western and eastern countries and make them understand it's an international problem," he said.

According to the ICT web site, bin Laden is one of 53 children of Saudi construction magnate Mohammed Awad bin Laden, originally from Yemen. The family fortune is estimated at \$5 billion, of which Osama bin Laden has access to \$300 million.

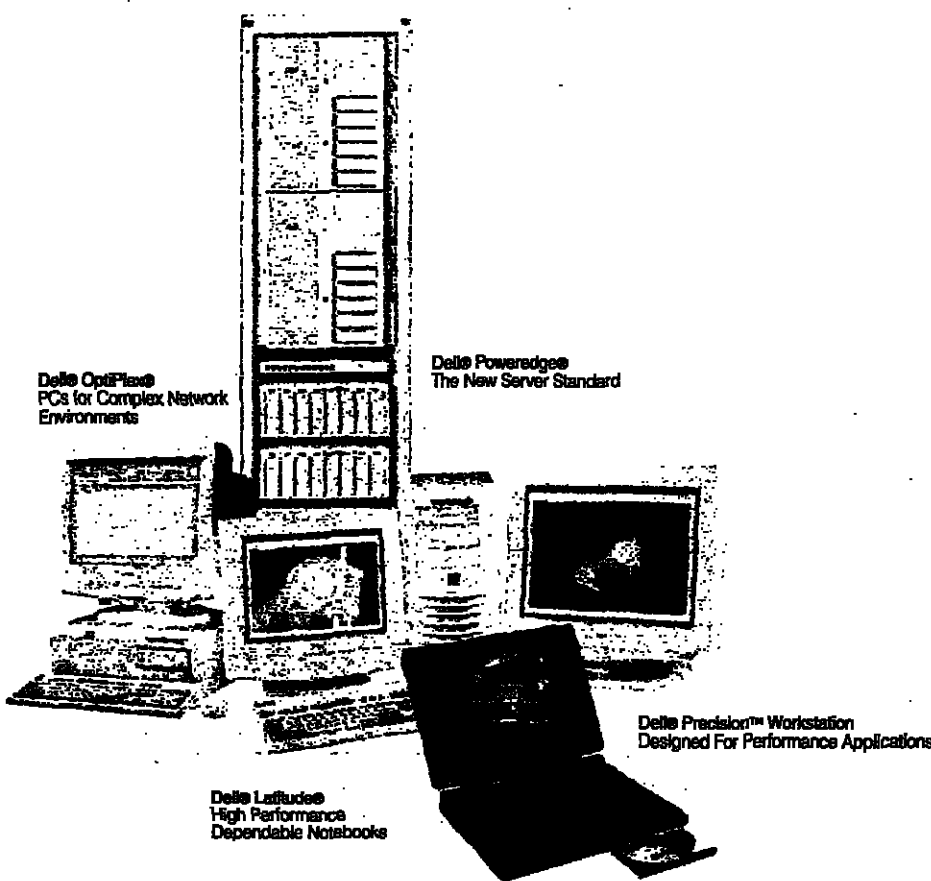
Bin Laden moved to Afghanistan in 1979, and - aided by the Afghan government and the CIA - he trained guerrilla armies to successfully throw the Soviet Army out of Afghanistan.

After the war, many of the guerrillas, known as the "Afghan Veterans" went to Egypt, Algeria, and Sudan to aid Islamic extremists. Some stayed in Afghanistan. Bin Laden returned to Saudi Arabia.

After Saudi Arabia revoked his citizenship in 1994, bin Laden moved to Sudan. He was asked to leave Sudan in 1996, and moved to Afghanistan.

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Drive Carefully

Huldai sprayed with shaving cream at TA beach debate

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Tel Aviv mayoral candidate Ron Huldai was sprayed with shaving cream at a public debate on preserving the city's beaches that took place yesterday evening on Tel Aviv's Jerusalem Beach.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel organized the debate to bring out the candidates' positions regarding the various plans for massive construction along the country's beaches. The debate was the first to include all the city's mayoral candidates.

The other panelists included: Michael Ro'eh, of Meretz; Doron Rubin, formerly the Likud's candidate and now independent; deputy mayor Dan Darin, Meretz's mayoral candidate in the previous elec-



Ron Huldai (Assaf Shilo/Israel sun)

tions and now independent; Yehudit Arad, independent; and Shmuel Vilozny, independent.

Huldai, of the Labor Party, had been surrounded by supporters and party activists when a youth

approached him, swiftly sprayed his face and neck with shaving cream, and fled. Nobody recognized the attacker and it is assumed he is a member of an environmentalist organization.

Huldai, who was unfazed by the incident, had arrived at the debate late and decided not to join the other panelists. Instead he remained among the audience, talking to journalists and activists. He only approached the panel for a few seconds, during which he took the microphone and vowed to preserve the beaches.

All the candidates pledged to preserve the city's beaches and open spaces for the residents' benefit, to prevent building on these sites, and to stop construction at projects already in progress.



A unique attachment

Dr. Carol Pichartz of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem examines the finger response yesterday of Tawil Hader, a 60-year-old Hebron resident, whose shoulder she and her colleagues reattached after a work accident in which an electric saw cut off his arm at the shoulder. Pichartz, an expert microsurgeon, re-attached the blood vessels, bone, nerves, muscles and the rest of the tissue, and the surgery - which took 24 hours - was a success. Hader was released from the hospital yesterday.

(Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Avi Hayoun)

NIS 130m. allotted to E. J'lem education

By LIAT COLLINS

The government yesterday granted a special budget of NIS 130 million to make the education system in eastern Jerusalem comparable to that of the western part of the city.

At a meeting attended by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and Jerusalem Mayor

Ehud Olmert, a three-year program was agreed upon which should be implemented starting in the coming academic year.

The money will be spent on making staff positions comparable, building 130 classrooms (at a cost of NIS 65 million), printing text books, and preparing a comprehensive holistic educational program.

In a separate ministerial discussion on moving government offices to Jerusalem, it was decided that

Border Police headquarters would be transferred to the capital from Lod, thus adding some 250 additional border policemen in the city.

The Nature Protection and National Parks Authority, a merger of the former national parks and nature reserves authorities, will also move to the city.

The technical units of the Prisons Service and Agriculture Ministry, however, will be merged with the rest of their organizations based outside Jerusalem.

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More crosses put up near Auschwitz

OSWIECIM, Poland (Reuters) - Radical Roman Catholics yesterday intensified their campaign to put up crosses outside the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz, ahead of a bishops' meeting expected to deal with the sensitive issue.

Defying Polish church and state authorities, supporters of fringe nationalist organizations added more than 50 big crosses to a sea of crosses already there as part of their campaign to keep Christian symbols at the camp.

Jewish groups object to any religious symbols being placed near the camp, where 1.5 million people were murdered in the war, about 90 percent of them Jews, and say they have a semi-formal agreement with the Catholic Church on the issue.

But Polish radical Catholics insist they have a right to pray at the cross, if not on the site of the camp itself then outside its walls.

"I am ready to set myself ablaze if they tried to take the crosses away," the leader of the campaign, Kazimierz Switon, said as the new crosses, between one and four meters high, arrived.

He vowed to continue his action even if Polish bishops, scheduled to meet tomorrow and Wednesday, demand that the crosses be removed.

"If the bishops are not acting according to Christian doctrine and not defending the cross, then we, the faithful, will have to," said Switon, who earlier staged a 42-day hunger strike at the site.

Israel has asked the Polish government to act to remove the crosses and the chief rabbis have written to Polish-born Pope John Paul, urging him to intervene. International Jewish organizations have condemned the cross campaign and the Polish government's slow response.

Poland's top clergymen, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek have called on the protesters to stop erecting new crosses, saying the affair has damaged Poland's international image.

Nationalists portray their action as a protest against plans to remove a seven-meter cross under which Pope John Paul prayed in 1979. The cross has been standing at its present site since 1988. Last week, the government cancelled the lease on the site as a first step towards removing the symbols.

But the leaseholder - a right-wing Association of War Victims whose founder is known for making antisemitic remarks - may fight the eviction in court.

Health Ministry reopens Tel Aviv beaches

By JUDY SEGEL

The Health Ministry yesterday cancelled its ban on swimming at Tel Aviv's beaches and declared that City Hall had "unnecessarily exposed the public to some danger" by opening up the beaches on Shabbat.

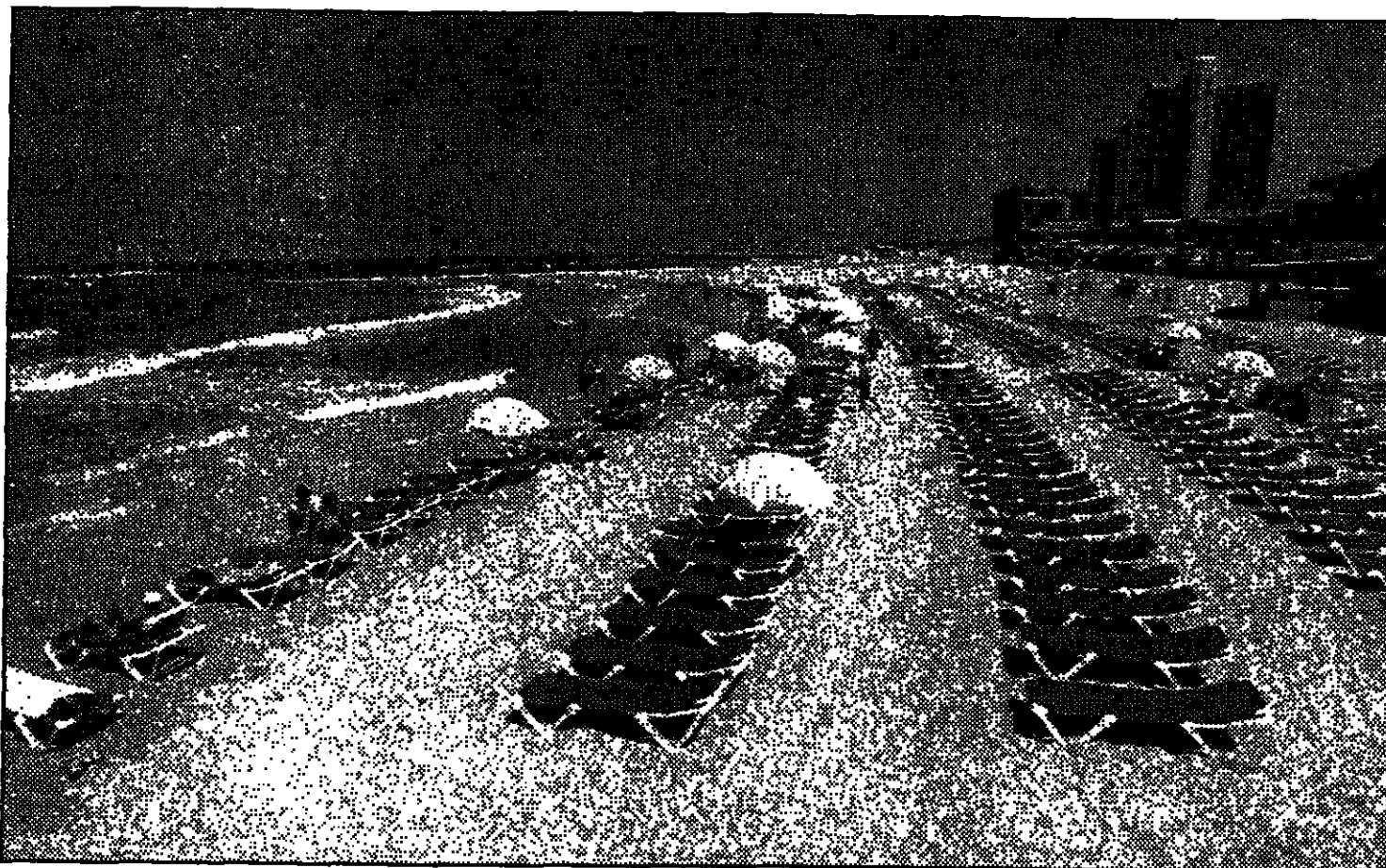
The city had pulled down the black flags after its tests showed that levels of bacteria had dropped to permitted levels. But Ze'ev Fisch, the ministry official in charge of environmental health, said bacteria levels in the sea are not the only criterion. Its inspectors went to examine the sand and found signs of fecal material on the beaches on Saturday that had disappeared yesterday.

Fisch said that ordinarily, the currents and wind clean up the water - even after massive raw-sewage contamination - within two days. But because Tel Aviv's beaches are protected by breakwaters, it took longer for the fecal matter to disintegrate than at Kiryat Haim, which also suffered a sewage spill last week.

Fisch said he was surprised at the city's taking the law into its own hands "while lacking the necessary professional knowledge and basing itself only on lab tests."

If local hospitals note an increase in eye, skin, or gastrointestinal infections due to exposure to sewage, the ministry will investigate, he said.

All of Tel Aviv's beaches were closed to swimming on Thursday after workers laying the foundations for a building in Jaffa's Gan



Despite the Health Ministry's decision to reopen Tel Aviv's beaches yesterday, not many people took the opportunity to enjoy the sea and sand. (Ilan Ossendyver/Israel Sun)

Davidoff damaged the area's central sewage pipe, through which 200,000 cubic meters of sewage passes each day. City manager

Meir Doron conceded municipal negligence and appointed a special professional team to investigate the harm done by the contractor.

The Agriculture Ministry's Fisheries Authority and the Health Ministry's Food Service Division will monitor Mediterranean fish

that goes onto the market. Fresh fish from the sea, however, constitutes only a small minority of the fish consumed here.

'Post' helps repair forest devastation

By GREEN FAY CASHMAN

Readers of *The Jerusalem Post*, together with senior management and staff members of the paper, congregated in the Yitzhak Rabin Forest yesterday for the unveiling of a plaque which testifies to the bond between the Jewish National Fund and the publication's readers here and abroad.

When fire destroyed two million trees and devastated thousands of dunams of forest in the Jerusalem corridor three years ago, Yehuda Levy, then president and publisher of the *Post* met with Moshe Rivlin, then JNF chairman, and offered financial assistance in restoring the trees.

Levy, who had once been a JNF emissary in Canada, decided to recruit *Post* readers to aid both the JNF and the two moshavim most seriously affected.

An appeal through the paper's charitable funds division brought in NIS 250,000, which was shared between the JNF, Shoshana and Neveh Ilan.

The appeal, said *Post* president

Paul Staszewski, forged an indelible link between Israel and *Post* readers in 104 countries and provided the most tangible form of support.

Levy observed that through its fund-raising activities, in which it involves itself in the community-at-large, the *Post* is doing things which are not normally part of a newspaper's life.

JNF chairman Shlomo Gravitz lauded *The Jerusalem Post* as "a major vehicle" of communication between Israel and Diaspora communities, and underlined that joint ventures between the paper and the JNF can bring Jewish people living abroad closer to Israel.

At the close of the ceremony, Gravitz and Staszewski held preliminary discussions on another cooperative project to be launched later this year.

Some of those attending planted new saplings. Among the planters was F. David Radler, chairman of the board of directors of *The Jerusalem Post* and of Hollinger International, Inc., who timed his visit from Canada for the occasion.



Planting trees at yesterday's ceremony in the Yitzhak Rabin Forest are (from right) F. David Radler, chairman of 'The Jerusalem Post' and Hollinger International, Inc., 'Post' president Paul Staszewski, and Rona Radler. (Joe Malcolm)

Elitzur refuses to give PM 'abusive' letter from bereaved father

By LIAT COLLINS

Uri Elitzur, the director of the Prime Minister's Office, did not pass on to the premier a letter from the bereaved father of an IDF commando because of what he described as its abusive nature.

In the letter, Yoram Golan, the father of Guy who was killed during the failed naval commando attack in Lebanon last year, wrote: "I saw you receiving the rescue teams from Kenya. Unfortunately, I saw you celebrating on Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, timing they believe had put Hizbullah on guard."

Elitzur, in a later interview, said Golan's letter "was not just strong, it was abusive." He said there is no need to forward to the premier an abusive letter, particularly when he himself is the member of a bereaved family "which makes it even more hurtful."

difficult and new from it. Perhaps the time has come to have the courage to tell bereaved parents that even they are not allowed to say absolutely anything."

In an Israel Radio interview, Golan said he apologized if he had used "inappropriate wording." He said for the past year the prime minister has ignored the bereaved parents' question of why the order was given for the commando operation on the night following the terror attack on Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, timing they believe had put Hizbullah on guard.

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Preliminary Mandatory Requirements: This list summarizes the Pre-Conditions for an Offeror's Proposal to be considered by the IAA. Only the complete language of the Pre-Conditions as stated in the RFP is binding. This text may be obtained by written request, submitted on company letterhead, to the PMF facsimile number stated below.

- Offeror shall be registered under Classification of Group A, Branch 160, type 5 (Unlimited) under the State of Israel Registration of Contractors for Construction Work. (Classification of Registered Contractors) 1988. A foreign Offeror shall comply with requirements of Exhibit A, Part II of the RFP.
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A Pre-Proposal conference will be held at the Ben Gurion 2000 Project site: Offices on September 1, 1998 at 14:00 to clarify provisions in the RFP documents, to summarize and present the Project and to respond to written questions posed by Offerors. Offerors are strongly encouraged to attend, but participation is not mandatory. Site access must be arranged in advance as stated in the RFP.

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Angolans capture key rebel base

By IAN STEWART

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Angolan forces battling in support of Congolese President Laurent Kabila captured a key rebel base at the western town of Kitona, a ministry-level official said yesterday.

The government official, who is in constant contact with Kabila, said Angolan tanks took part in the swift maneuver.

"The Angolans are at the base and have captured a large cache of weapons and ammunition," the official said.

Rebels confirmed the loss, but said they are continuing their advance on the capital, Kinshasa, and that they had captured the important eastern city of Kisangani.

The fall of Kitona, just a few miles inland from the Atlantic coast, would trap rebel forces from their main supplies bases in the west and the capital.

Earlier yesterday, Congo acknowledged that Angola had sent troops to help Kabila's embattled government fight off advancing rebels, escalating a conflict already threatening to engulf other African states.

Congo's Information Minister Didier Mumengi confirmed the deployment of Angolan troops, saying Angola was exercising its "will to support the Congolese people."

"They are deploying beside our Congolese forces to reinforce and protect our army," Mumengi said.

An Angolan government source said troops would defend Kinshasa, Congo's capital, although he gave no official word on his government's position on the fighting.

Neither did state-controlled media. Angolan troops landed in the west of this vast central African country in support of Kabila's loyalist forces, a rebel leader said without giving details.

"Angolan troops have invaded Congo," Bizima Karaha said from the rebel's stronghold of Goma in eastern Congo.

Rebel spokesman Sylvain Mbuki said his forces battled Angolan tanks that were advancing toward Kitona. The rebels have been using Kitona to airlift troops closing in on Kinshasa.



Congolese worshippers pray yesterday along the road outside a Kinshasa church which was too full to hold the entire congregation. (AP)

Mbuki said the rebels would try to take Kinshasa's Ndji Airport if Kitona fell to the Angolans.

Karaha warned that the Angolan involvement will complicate the spiraling crisis and the rebels will strike back. Zimbabwe had earlier deployed troops to help Kabila ward off rebel advances on Kinshasa.

The insurgents, who accuse Kabila of power-grabbing, tribalism, and mismanagement, drew within 18 miles of the capital on Saturday.

In announcing that Angolan troops had crossed into Congo, Karaha urged the Luanda government to "come to its senses" and withdraw its forces immediately.

Angola's entry into Congo's civil war came as South Africa scrambled to salvage a crumbling regional peace summit in Pretoria. Two key leaders snubbed the talks.

Kabila and Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, who is supporting the Kinshasa government with troops and military equipment.

With the intervention of Angolan forces, chances of a negotiated settlement are "almost impossible," Karaha said.

Earlier Saturday, Karaha said rebels had shot down two warplanes allied with Kabila's forces.

Karaha said the Zimbabwean planes were shot down over rebel territory in southwestern Congo.

The report could not be independently confirmed.

In the Zimbabwean capital, Harare, Mugabe's spokesman rejected Congolese rebel claims that they shot down two Zimbabwean jet fighters.

There was no immediate comment from Kinshasa on the alleged shootdown.

Karaha said the attacks Saturday demonstrated the rebels' resolve to continue fighting as long as outside forces were involved.

"It should be understood that the people of Congo are ready to resist any foreign aggression," he said of the reported arrival of more than 600 troop reinforcements from Zimbabwe and a contingent from Angola in support of Kabila.

The rebels themselves are said to have the backing of neighboring Rwanda and Uganda.

In Pretoria, South African President Nelson Mandela had "an exchange of views" with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu, according to Mandela's spokesman, Parks Mankabana.

There was no immediate comment from participants in the talks on either the movement of Angolan troops into Congo or the purported shootdown of the Zimbabwean warplanes.

Kabila declined to come and instead sent his justice minister, Mwenze Kongolo, who arrived late Saturday, well beyond the time when the peace talks began.

Museveni threatened to join the rebel side if other foreign forces do not withdraw from Congo.

"Uganda may be forced after due consultations to take its own independent action in the protection of its own security," Museveni said in the statement released in his capital.

Karaha accused Kabila of ordering the execution of 20,000 ethnic Tutsis in Mobu in southeastern Congo, a move which he said prompted the rebels to advance to the Lake Tanganyika port of Kalemie.

Sudan seeks probe of chemical weapons claim

KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters) — Sudanese and UN officials yesterday visited the medicine factory destroyed in a US missile strike which injured 10 people.

"We are very concerned about this incident," said Philippe Borel, UN resident coordinator, as he surveyed the wreckage of the El Shifa pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum.

"What we have to put into perspective is the suffering of the Sudanese people from this terrible war," he said, referring to the more than a decade-old civil war. "It's tough to add suffering to suffering."

The US on Thursday launched the raids against what it called "terrorist" related sites in Afghanistan and Sudan in retaliation for the bombing of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania this month in which more than 260 people died.

Sudan said the factory was not involved in producing components for chemical weapons nor was it linked to Osama bin Laden, an Afghanistan-based terrorist that Washington accused of financing and organizing the embassy bombings.

Sudan has asked for delegations from the US Congress and the UN to visit the site to see whether there is any evidence it was used for making chemical weapons components.

Abdel-Aziz Shenou, an aide to Sudan Parliament Speaker Hassan Turabi, described the strike as "vicious."

"The United States has a duty to its own people and to the international community to prove its allegations," he said at the factory site. "The rubble is here. Any investigating committee is welcome to come and search for itself. This was not an act of self defense but an act of retaliation for something we have condemned."

He was referring to the Sudan government's condemnation of the Kenya and Tanzania embassy bombings.

He said if US President Bill Clinton "would lie to his nation and his family" about an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, "he would equally lie about a chemical factory."

Demonstrations against the missile attack have raged in the capital every day since the missile strike, with protesters waving placards that say "No war over Monica" and chanting slogans calling for the downfall of the US.

Sudan is counting on strong Arab backing when the Cairo-based Arab League holds an emergency meeting today, which Sudan Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail will address.

"I hope the Arabs will not try to placate the United States by issuing statements that are void and meaningless," said Sudan Ambassador Ahmed Abdel-Halim in Cairo yesterday after meeting Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel Meguid.

The UN is today expected to discuss Sudan's request for an urgent meeting.

The UN Security Council's sanctions committee had approved supplies to Iraq from the El-Shifa factory.

In a live interview with Qatari Al-Jazeera television on Saturday, Sudanese President Omar Hassan Bashir said Sudan had the right to retaliate against the US strikes.

Hundreds of Sudanese people mobbed the British Embassy in Khartoum on Saturday, pelting it with rocks. There were no casualties, an embassy employee said. Britain has said it supports the US air strikes.

Sudanese demonstrators on Friday attacked the US Embassy in Khartoum, tearing down the US flag and throwing chairs and rocks at the building. Washington withdrew its resident diplomats from the embassy in 1996, but diplomats visit.

US officials said cruise missiles launched from ships carried out the strikes. Sudan says American forces fired seven Tomahawk missiles, six of which hit the plant.

Hurricane Bonnie heads for US

MIAMI (Reuters) — Hurricane Bonnie churned in the Atlantic east of the Bahamas yesterday, but rain and wind on the fringes of the giant storm hit the central Bahamas and Cuba and forecasters said it could strike the US mainland within days.

Residents along the US east coast from Florida to the Carolinas were advised to keep abreast of the hurricane's movements and take precautions by boarding up windows and avoiding high water surges.

At 8 a.m. EDT, the eye of Bonnie was 180 miles east of San Salvador in the Bahamas at latitude 24.0 north, longitude 71.7 west, the National Hurricane Center said. Its forward progress slowed overnight and forecasters said it was moving to the north-

west at 6 mph.

Bonnie was a strong Category Two hurricane, with maximum sustained winds at 105 miles per hour and higher gusts.

With only open water on the hurricane's projected track to the US, forecasters said there was a chance Bonnie could become a Category Four hurricane, one of the most dangerous types, with winds exceeding 130 mph. Hurricanes gain power from warm water and weaken when they pass over land.

Bonnie's outer fringes raked the low-lying islands of the Bahamas, a nation of some 700 islands and cays stretching southeast from just off the Florida coast.

The Turks and Caicos, a British colony south of the Bahamas, also was hit with strong winds of 40-50 mph and high surf as the storm

passed, but there were no reports of damage.

Bonnie lashed the US and British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on Friday with heavy rain, gusty winds, and rough seas.

Its projected path would take Bonnie off the Florida coast today, the sixth anniversary of Hurricane Andrew, the costliest hurricane in US history.

Andrew struck the Florida coast just south of Miami on Monday, August 24, 1992, with winds up to 160 mph, destroying tens of thousands of homes. Damage was estimated at more than \$25 billion.

Many south Floridians rushed to supermarkets and hardware stores over the weekend to stock up on food, bottled water, sheets of plywood, and other hurricane supplies.

US guards shoot dead intruder at embassy in Albania

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Security guards at the US Embassy in Tirana shot and killed an Albanian policeman who scaled the wall of the US diplomatic compound yesterday Interior Ministry officials said.

The motive of the break-in was not immediately known. US authorities confirmed the shooting and said Marines were fortifying the embassy, but had no further comment.

Albanian police said they would issue a statement later.

The shooting came a week after 120 heavily armed US Marines tightened security at the American diplomatic compound in Tirana after US officials said they received credible evidence of a plan to attack the American mission.

On Friday, police and intelligence agents reportedly raided several alleged terrorist safe

houses and arrested 10 foreign nationals, including some from Arab countries.

An Interior Ministry official said the policeman climbed the 7-foot-high wall in the rear of the embassy about 11:45 a.m. local time. Albanian police outside the embassy started shooting in the air to force him out. After he refused to turn back, American security officers shot him in the chest, the official said.

The policeman, who was armed with a pistol, was taken to a military hospital, where he died in surgery.

He was identified as Shkelzim Shehu, 35, from the village of Ndrok, 10 miles west of Tirana. The official said he was a member of a police unit in charge of security at a Tirana bank.

Albanian police surrounded the embassy immediately after the shooting and sealed off surrounding roads.

Security at the embassy has been stepped up in recent days following the bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and again after retaliatory US missile attacks on alleged terrorist sites in Sudan and Afghanistan. An evacuation of embassy staffers continued yesterday.

Earlier this summer, five suspects believed to be Egyptian nationals reportedly were arrested and spirited out of the country with the help of American agents.

Three days later, Albanian and American agents reportedly were carrying out a nationwide search for suspected members of a terrorist group that had planned the attack.

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The stars come out on Channel 3

By ELANA CHIPMAN

Channel 3's fall season is set to blast off this Sunday, with a bright line-up of new programs and old favorites, blending imported sitcoms and dramas with original local productions.

Among the newly imported programs is the drama *Dawson Creek*, following the lives of a group of teenagers in a Boston suburb. Kevin Williamson, the creator of the successful horror films *Scream* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, has created the series, hailed as the best new drama of last season in the US. *Dawson Creek* airs Tuesdays at 8:50 p.m.

Foremost among the new comedies, on Wednesdays at 9:35 p.m., is NBC's *Veronica's Closet*, starring Kirstie Alley. Alley, who played Rebecca on *Cheers*, returns to comedy after several years, this time as the owner of a highly successful chain of lingerie stores whose private life is particularly chaotic thanks to her philandering husband (Jamie Sheridan) who manages to nearly push her over the edge at times.

Arts, based on the movie *Jerry Maguire*, is the most heavily promoted of the new series. This HBO comedy features Robert Wahl as a smooth and unscrupulous sports agent who will do anything while maneuvering between sponsors, promoters, the media and team managers. Quite a few sports personalities guest star on the show, including Scotty Pippen, John McEnroe, Jim Palmer, Reggie Miller and others. It airs on Mondays at 9:35 p.m.

Continuing to offer some of TV's better programming, particularly for English speakers, Channel 3 is airing new seasons of several successful American series. New seasons of *Mad About You*, *Law and Order*, *The Naked Truth*, *The Nanny* and *The Drew Carey Show* will be launched next week.

Oscar-winning actress Helen Hunt returns in *Mad About You* with Paul Reiser on Wednesdays at 9:10 p.m. In this sixth season, the couple now have to deal with a new baby in their cramped apartment, besides their interfering parents. The two stars are rumored to be receiving \$1 million for each episode of the seventh season about to begin in the US.



Yossi Siyas reprises his daily 'Love Story' show, which last season improved considerably after a shaky start.

In the fifth season of *The Nanny*, Sundays at 8:25 p.m., sexual tension between Fran Drescher, the spunky nanny from Queens, and her employer gets even hotter while Maggie (Nicole Tom) moves into college.

Everyone's favorite blue-collar clown, Drew Carey, returns on Mondays at 9:10 p.m. Besides resuming his battles with Mimi, Drew finds time to fall in love. *The Drew Carey Show* will be preceded Mondays at 8:25 by *The Naked Truth*, starring Mrs. David (X-Files) Duchovny, otherwise known as Tea Leoni.

The Emmy-award winning drama *Law and Order* is back on Thursdays at 9:10 p.m. for its eighth season with the same cast (including Sam Waterston), but with more emphasis on the per-

sonal lives of the characters.

In addition to original dramatic movies, Yair Lapid's weeknight interview show focusing on current affairs also returns at 10, followed by reruns of *Seinfeld* at 10:30. The surprisingly successful and intelligent, low-key show scored quite a few scoops last season, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's threat of resigning, and had enlightening interviews with Ehud Barak, Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu.

New seasons of the local dramas *Cafe Paris* and *Dreams of Youth* air on Sunday and Tuesday respectively at 9:35. *Lethal Money*, the highly successful local soap portraying a feud between two wealthy families, has moved from Channel 2 to Sunday at 8:50

p.m. on Channel 3. Nati Ravitz returns for the third season with more devious plots and the gorgeous Galit Giat continues to foil his moves.

Also returning to their daily weekday slots are *Good Evening* with Guy Pines at 6 and *Love Story* with Yossi Siyas at 5:30. Pines' celebrity and entertainment watch returns with new features, including daily entertainment news, and special deals on tickets for special performances.

Mega-radio star Siyas's switch to television was unsuccessful at first, but by the end of last year he had become one of the central features of Channel 3's line-up. His guests included a wide array of political figures, celebrities and ordinary people. Several political candidates have made their first television

appearance on his show, telling their personal love stories. (Watch for Tel Aviv mayoral candidate Dan Darin during the first week.)

Saturday's line-up includes the 10th season of the popular *Murphy Brown* at 8 p.m. and the fifth season of the cult sci-fi series *Babylon 5* at 9:20. *Michael Hayes*, a new legal drama starring the ex-NYPD detective David Caruso airs at 8:30. Caruso plays an assistant state attorney who must step into his boss's shoes after he is seriously injured.

George and Leo is another Saturday sitcom airing at 7 p.m. Bob Newhart and Judd Hirsch star as a bookstore owner and a retired mobster whose children have fallen in love, and who try to get along with each other, mainly unsuccessfully.

Seeking the sensational



Child actors Romi Aboulafia and Michael Hanegbi with Eli Cohen



By Adina Hoffman

Family Secrets is even more frustrating than the average overwrought Israeli melodrama because it has promise: fresh performances by its young stars and a nicely evoked lazy summertime atmosphere lie buried beneath the picture's cruddy TV movie surface.

FAMILY SECRETS

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Directed by Nitzan Gonen. Screenplay by Shmuel Zarchin. Based on the short story "Schlafstunde" by Yehudit Katzir. Hebrew title: *Sodot Mishpacha*. 92 minutes. Hebrew dialogue, no subtitles. Not recommended for children. With Romi Aboulafia, Michael Hanegbi, Eli Cohen, Alex Peleg and Aviva Yod.

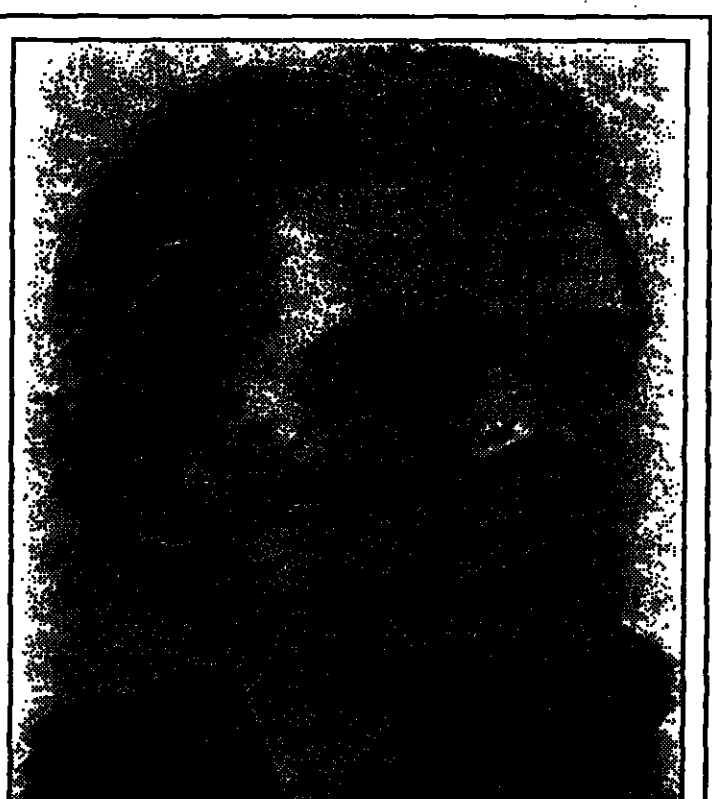
"Less is more!" one longs to call out to the screen as one watches this Nitzan Gonen film, adapted by Shmuel Zarchin from a Yehudit Katzir short story about the sexual relationship that develops between two adolescent cousins (Romi Aboulafia and Michael Hanegbi) over the course of the vacation they spend by the sea with their Holocaust-survivor grandparents. But as almost always in a local production, the filmmakers are not

psychological aftermath is A Theme.

Maybe these gothic twists would work in the hands of a director with more control. Indeed, Katzir's original story, "Schlafstunde," also features a series of out-of-control developments and relies on a certain purple-prose excess, as if her sentences had been swollen and driven by the young characters' exaggerated emotional state. In the context of the story, this fraught texture is basically effective, and helps blur the line between the real and the fantasized. As recklessly piled on by Gonen and Zarchin, however, these details only detract from the few elements that are effective. Again, Aboulafia, aged 13 when the film was shot, is a strikingly natural presence in the lead, and the charged dynamic that develops between her and the slightly awkward Michael Hanegbi feels believable and unfussy — unlike the rest of the film.

Along with the structural clutter that mars *Family Secrets* (even the title has been crudely broadened), the picture suffers from basic problems of amateurish technique. The ersatz-Gershwin soundtrack may be the worst — the most inappropriate, hokey and plain distracting — I've ever heard. The cinematography, too, is typically excessive and deliberate, the rough photographic equivalent of those "special English" broadcasts on the radio, where every word is slowed and over-articulated to make it clear to the beginner's ear.

In the opening scene, for instance, the young girl poisons her uncle's cup of coffee and the camera goes veering in for a sudden close-up as he starts to drink. The gesture is so heavy-handed, cartoonish and abrupt that for an instant one wonders if perhaps one is watching a comedy — but then one realizes otherwise.



Big movie on the small screen

The video of James Cameron's blockbuster *Titanic* goes on sale locally September 10. Fans are already pre-ordering their copy through Steimatzky bookstores and video chains. Cameron has said that he spent some 150 hours re-editing the video version to make the images on the little screen as spectacular and majestic as on the big one, especially wide shots of the huge, doomed liner.

Paramount expects to sell 30 million copies in the US alone, plus another 30 million worldwide. When a US TV shopping channel offered preview sales of the movie it sold 13,500 copies in 14 minutes!

Titanic, which stars Leonardo DiCaprio (above) and Kate Winslet, and won 11 Oscars, has so far grossed \$1.7 billion. There's a deluxe video edition of only 10,000 copies which will contain eight stills and an actual piece of the film's celluloid for NIS 99.90. The regular version with two stills and no piece of celluloid costs NIS 79.90. — Helen Kaye

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NEWS

of the muse

Sophia Loren released from hospital

Sophia Loren was released from a hospital Tuesday and will stay in New York for a month to rest. The 63-year-old actress was treated for an irregular heartbeat, publicist Beebe Kline said. Kline said she didn't know when Loren was admitted, and she refused to identify the hospital. She said Miss Loren flew to New York from Geneva on August 10 to visit a friend and grew fatigued. AP

James Taylor-Carly Simon progeny on the road

Look for another singing Taylor out there. Sally Taylor, the only daughter of James Taylor and Carly Simon, played guitar and sang a solo as her father strummed along during his show last Monday night at Universal Amphitheatre in southern California.

"Sally's got a record coming out soon, so find it and buy it if you can," proud papa Taylor advised the crowd. AP

Carl Perkins's son takes after Dad

"Blue Suede Shoes" is still making money — and for a good cause, too.

The son of the late rockabilly star Carl Perkins played "Blue Suede Shoes" and some of his father's other hits, during a nine-hour telethon to raise money for his father's favorite charity. The show took in \$300,000 for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The center serves children in Tennessee. Stan Perkins, who played drums in his father's band, highlighted a lineup of local performers.

Perkins died in January of complications from a series of strokes. He was 65. AP

Wyclef Jean denies pulling gun on editor

Musician and producer Wyclef Jean denies he pulled a gun on a magazine editor. Jean said Jesse Washington, editor of the new music magazine *Blaze*, concocted the story.

"Personally, I feel like this is so he can do publicity to sell the new magazine," Jean said recently on MTV. "Wyclef Jean pulls no gun. Wyclef Jean plays guitar. And I have love for my family ... and I have respect for the media."

Washington said Jean pointed a gun at his chest last month because the magazine was about to publish a negative review of a record Jean produced. Jean complained the review was based on an unfinished version of the album.

Washington said he pulled the review until the magazine could hear a complete version. He didn't report the incident to police. AP

Joe Pesci releases comedy album

This is one album by an actor that you're supposed to laugh at. Oscar winner Joe Pesci has been holed up in a recording studio in New York City, making a comedy-musical album called *Vincent LaGuardia Gambino Sings Just for You*.

Assuming the character of his role in the 1992 film *My Cousin Vinny*, the 55-year-old Pesci sings a rich potpourri, including a Christmas song and a rap number. The album will be released on Columbia Records, but it will not mark Pesci's singing debut. In the 1960s, using the name Joe Ritchie, he cut an album called *Little Joe Sings Can Sing*. It flopped.

Pesci then concentrated on acting. It proved to be a smart choice — he won an Academy Award for best supporting actor in *Goodfellas*. AP

'Star Trek' actress dies at 49

Persis Khambatta, a former Miss India, who was a navigator in the film *Star Trek*, died in Bombay following a massive heart attack, newspapers reported Wednesday.

Khambatta, 49, died last Tuesday in a Bombay Hospital. She had undergone a bypass operation in 1983. She is survived by her mother and a brother. The funeral, held in Bombay on Wednesday, was attended by some 40 family members and close friends.

Khambatta began modelling at the age of 13 and went on to win the Miss India beauty crown in 1965, dressed in off-the-rack clothes she bought at the last minute.

She starred in a few Hindi language films in India and then went to feature in Hollywood productions such as *The Wilby Conspiracy*, *Conduct Unbecoming* and *Night Hawks*. Her biggest break as an actress was playing Lt. Aliea in *Star Trek - The Motion Picture*. AP

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Deadly silence

On Thursday night, a Palestinian terrorist climbed through the window of the Hebron home of Rabbi Shlomo Ra'an and stabbed him twice in the heart.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that "the blood of Jews cannot be spilled with impunity, whether they live in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Hebron."

Breathing reality into that statement is a strategic and moral challenge facing Israel and the peace process as a whole.

Ra'an was the fifth terrorist victim in Judea and Samaria since April, indicating a shift in the focus of Palestinian terrorism towards Israelis living in the territories. After Shlomo Liebman and Harel Bin-Nun were murdered at Yitzhar (near Nablus) on August 5, former Rabin adviser Eitan Haber wrote in *Yediot Aharonot*, "Israeli citizens are murdered in cold blood... and half the nation, maybe more, shrug their shoulders and their eyes are dry."

Though Haber characterizes any separation between "our dead and their dead" as a "terrible thing," he and others effectively blame the "patronizing" attitudes of the settlers for their own isolation. This logic is eerily similar to that of antisemitism who blame their attitudes towards Jews on a Jewish superiority complex. Both attitudes are unacceptable stereotypes, even if, like almost any stereotype, piecemeal examples can be brought to support them.

Whether or not one shares the political leanings of Israelis who have chosen to live in Judea and Samaria, there is no denying that many have sacrificed safety and comfort to fulfill what they regard as a patriotic and religious mission. A large majority of Israelis would agree that a return to the pre-1967 borders would be unacceptable; that same majority should credit the settlement enterprise with ensuring that Israel will retain significant chunks of the West Bank in a final-status agreement.

It is unacceptable for Israel to react any less vigorously against terrorism in the periphery than it does against the same barbarism in the heart of the cities. A number of ministers have rightly pointed out that if terrorism pays, it will increase. Though security around the settlements obviously should be increased, the key element of Israel's response should be to more aggressively pursue the terrorists themselves, even if that entails infringing on the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority.

By all accounts, the PA is exercising only a small fraction of its capabilities in the fight against terror. If the PA is only weakly working to prevent terrorism generally, it is all but encouraging terrorism against Israelis in the territories.

The current state of affairs began shortly after Yasser Arafat himself said, "The blessed intifada must be intensified, we must burn the

ground under the feet of the [settlers]."

Arafat's silence in the wake of the attacks in Yitzhar and Hebron is deafening. His lack of condemnation of these murders can only be taken as an endorsement; a renewal of the infamous "green light" for terrorism.

Though in general it may be counterproductive to suspend negotiations following terrorist acts, it is hard to see how negotiations can continue without Arafat's condemnation of terrorism, not to mention the lack of any systematic action against the infrastructure behind it.

At the same time, in a classic example of how extremists are often their own worst enemy, yesterday's outburst by Baruch Marzel against President Ezer Weizman succeeded in distracting from the need to keep the pressure on the PA to fight terrorism.

By quickly going to Hebron for condolence call, Weizman did more to symbolize the lack of distinction between Israelis there and in Tel Aviv than any action the government could take. Marzel's welcoming of Weizman with personal insults and accusations has stirred up a spate of calls for his indictment under laws against incitement.

As distasteful as Marzel's outburst was, however, it is incongruous that those quickest to call for the prosecution of Israelis for "incitement" over insults, seem indifferent to Arafat's overt threats of violence.

On May 15, the lead editorial of the official PA newspaper, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, declared, "We shall uproot the settlement occupation... and instill our fear within them. We are not frustrated so long as the intifada renews itself in our veins..."

On July 29, Arafat himself told the Jerusalem Committee of the Islamic Conference in Morocco that Israel is "determined to destroy" the mosques on the Temple Mount and "replace them by building Solomon's temple," and called for a "jihad to defend Jerusalem from [this] Zionist plot."

This week, in direct violation of the Oslo Accords, Arafat's security chief Jibril Rajoub washed his hands of fighting terrorism against settlers, claiming that "if they want peace and security, they should move to Tel Aviv."

Marzel's grandstanding should be condemned, and deprived of the light of publicity. Arafat's true-blue incitement, by contrast, should set off alarm bells, not just in the government, but among the opposition and international supporters of the peace process.

We have seen the deadly consequences of incitement, both among Israelis and Palestinians. Silence, both by Arafat regarding terrorism and by peace process supporters regarding Palestinian incitement, can be just as deadly.

The road to terrorism

YOSEF GOELL

Murders of Israelis by Palestinian terrorists, whether in the settlements or within the Green Line of pre-1967 Israel, have always been followed by threats from the prime minister, the defense minister and on down - "We will chop off the arms of the dastardly killers."

There is no doubt that our leaders, especially our present ones, would like nothing better than to wreak such vengeance, but the bitter fact remains that the harsh words are rarely, if ever, followed by deeds.

The main factor in fighting terrorism effectively is intelligence from within the protective "sea" where the terrorists operate, and that has been compromised egregiously since the Israeli forces withdrew from the Palestinian cities.

The expectation - especially by the Rabin-Peres governments - that the Palestinian Authority under

under Arafat to believe that they will be able to get away with squeezing as much territory and sovereignty out of Israel as they can at this stage and then go on to wage a low-level war or terrorist attrition against Israel with impunity.

Netanyahu and his right-wing government will not admit it, but the same constraints which prevented the previous left-wing Rabin-Peres governments from taking effective action against the continuation of this Palestinian terrorism - the fear that it could lead to a breakdown of the "peace process" - have operated to stay their hand, too.

Mounting Israeli raids into the Palestinian territories is admittedly problematic but contingency plans for such raids should be prepared for use after especially egregious terrorist acts. But it may well be that the arena in which the situation should begin to be redressed lies

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Yasser Arafat would cooperate effectively with Israel to fight terrorism has not panned out, except for extreme occasions when the Palestinians have gone through the motions of rounding up Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders, only to release them when the media was no longer watching.

I am among those who believe that Israelis should not seek to live smack in the midst of potential Palestinian killers in places like Tel Rumeida and Beit Hadassah in Hebron, or in Yitzhar, where two Israeli settlers were murdered a fortnight ago.

But that is neither here nor there when it comes to murder. In all three places the settlers were there in accordance with the agreements hammered out with the Palestinians in the various stages of negotiations.

The problem of letting them get away with murder is that it encourages the Palestinian "pragmatists"

elsewhere - in the even more neglected area of fighting the massive wave of Palestinian car thefts from Israel.

This has been going on with impunity ever since the Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian cities. In 1997 the number of Israeli cars stolen - nearly entirely by Palestinian thieves, often but not always in collusion with Israeli Jewish and Arab accomplices - reached a new high of 45,000. There is no way that this astronomical number of car thefts could continue without the passive acquiescence of the Israel Police and their political masters.

Nearly a fortnight ago Internal Security Minister Avi Dichter Kahanai succeeded in pushing through the cabinet a decision to put up a chain of physical barriers at a cost of hundreds of millions of shekels that would make it difficult for the thieves to drive their stolen cars to the "chop shops" in the Palestinian

Dry Bones



territories. There is every reason to believe that nothing will happen to implement this decision, for the same reason that an identical proposal by the former Labor government's internal security minister Moshe Shabai also died. If these barriers are installed and dug along the former Green Line it would be an admission that Israel would be prepared to withdraw to the 1967 borders in a final settlement.

But it is possible to adopt other measures that would not entail such a cost. Well trained and disciplined Civil Guard patrols could be authorized to shoot to kill car thieves - whether Palestinian or Israeli - who are caught in the act.

I was once in the Civil Guard in my neighborhood, from which many cars had been stolen, but I and many of my mates resigned in disgust after being issued with carbines and menacing orders never to use them.

Much more effective would be

helicopter gunship strikes against the vehicle chop shops in the middle of their stripping operations and police raids against Israeli garages which buy their wares. Some may argue that focusing on the problem of car thefts when nothing effective is being done to stop the murders is nothing less than shocking. It is important, however, to think of the hundreds and thousands of Palestinians who cross the border nightly to steal cars as the potential Palestinian batallions which will do their best to hold up Israeli reserve units being rushed through the West Bank roads to meet a future Arab invasion from the east.

Arafat has been playing an effective game of negotiating "peace" while simultaneously colluding in the continuation of the terrorist war against us. It is essential that he be shown that we too can play that game, and hopefully even better than him.

Mixed marriage: A mitzva

BERNARD WASSERSTEIN

Man embraces woman. They are attracted to each other first and foremost as individuals, not on the basis of religion, race or nationality. In primitive cultures, there was sometimes a taboo inhibiting exogamy. To judge by the example of its greatest lawgiver, Judaism was not among them.

Yet, only one of today's advanced countries seeks to limit marriage between adults of the opposite sex on ground of religion or national group. That country is Israel, where there are still formidable legal obstacles to marriage between Jews and non-Jews.

In this, as in other respects, it is high time that Israel followed the example set by Jews elsewhere. The majority of marriages contracted by Diaspora Jews today involve non-Jewish partners. A generation ago, most parents of these Jewish spouses would have felt deep shame and grief at contemplating such unions. Today most participate contentedly, many happily. And they are right to do so.

A leading Reform rabbi in Britain recently told me that he was about to bless a wedding between a Jew and a non-Jew. I shook his hand and told him he was performing a mitzva.

Unfortunately, most of his colleagues in Britain are still reluctant to behave with similar humanity and openheartedness. In America more do so, and if Reform Judaism spreads further in Israel perhaps it will help to overcome the backward-looking anti-

ties that still infect even otherwise enlightened people.

I came across an example of this recently in a public discussion with former education minister and Meretz Party leader Shulamit Aloni. There are few Israeli politicians I admire more. On this issue in particular she blazed a trail in seeking to expand the availability of civil marriage which, incredibly

progress towards genuine individualism and pluralism in Israel - just as the repeal of the Immorality Act in South Africa was the essential prerequisite to mutual respect between members of different racial groups there.

"What about the future of the Jewish people?" I am asked. Such questions remind me of Edmund Burke, who famously "pitie[d] the

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and uniquely in a democratic country, is still not recognized by the State of Israel as a right of its citizens. Yet even Aloni made a remark that seemed to indicate that while Jewish-Arab marriages should be tolerated, her personal preference was that Jews marry Jews.

When I protested, she immediately, and to her credit, withdrew the remark. My point is not to criticize her. But if even an enlightened statesperson like Aloni can appear momentarily to have internalized such thinking, what hope is there that Israeli society as a whole will overcome such shameful racist exclusivism?

Yet overcome it must, for this more than anything is the key to

plumage but forg[ot] the dying bird." People matter more than people.

For that matter, what of the future of the Brazilian people? Hispanics, Negroes and Indians intermarry there, yet nobody would suggest today that this threatens the survival of the nation. Ah, but Israel, I shall be told, is different: the children of mixed marriages won't be "Jews."

The Jews within those quotation marks are sometimes called "halachic Jews."

But the essence of that conception of Jewishness is not halachic but racist: it should repel Jews with any self-respect for the history of our people in this century.

"What about the survival of Jewish culture?" The answer is

equally clear.

Societies, cultures, and religions exist for people - not the other way round. They evolve and change in order to meet the needs of people - or they die. It is those who resist change, not those who demand it, who sign the death warrant of a culture.

Many Jews who applaud the changes that have occurred in race relations in South Africa and the southern United States still claim a special prerogative of marital clannishness for the Jews. Yet surely it is a fundamental principle for any morally sensitized person that one does not claim for oneself rights one denies others.

It is not enough that Israeli law should change. A generation has passed in the United States since the civil rights acts of the 1960s; yet black-white attitudes are still deeply polluted by the poison of racism.

Tolerance is not enough. We must each make a positive effort as individuals to break down barriers that divide us from our neighbors.

We should not merely permit intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews - we should embrace it. If this leads to Ghanaian workers marrying girls from Ra'anana, Filipino housemaids marrying sabras from Deganya, and (above all) young men from Bayit Vagan marrying young women from Beit Safafa, good luck to them! My reaction, and that of all who care for healthy social relations among different population groups in Israel, must be: Hallelujah!

The seven months

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

It's the seven months, stupid. Not the sex. Not the perjury to cover the sex. Not even the witness-tampering to cover the perjury to cover the sex.

The firestorm created by Bill Clinton's suicidal pseudo-confession a week ago reflects a nation's dumb-founded realization that he was entirely unapologetic about - indeed oblivious to - how he had mocked the country these past seven months.

For seven months he made fools not just of his staff who went out and lied for him, his cabinet secretaries who vouched for him, his congressional and media allies who defended him, but everyone connected with presidential politics who had been engaged in the "war" declared by the White House in defense of a man who all the while knew it was all a lie.

And not only was he oblivious. He actually had the insolence to put the blame for the "spectacle of the past seven months" on Ken Starr. Ken Starr happens to be the one man in America who finally forced Clinton to end this charade.

There is rage across the political class, from staunchly liberal senators like Dianne Feinstein to newspapers and commentators that had never been particularly antagonistic to Clinton.

Rage not about the sex or the perjury or the obstruction. These issues had been on the table all along and, by now, almost entirely bleached of passion. It is the rage of people who for seven months had been toyed with.

Yes, talk show clowns like Geraldo Rivera have revealed in the seven months. And ratings for the 24-hour cable news channels have been up. But serious people concerned about serious things - say, the bombing of American embassies or Saddam's triumph over US-backed arms inspectors - feel they have been put through seven months of sordid idiosyncrasy by a man who could have ended it at any moment.

All the while, Clinton was watching. And he didn't watch nervously, sweatily. Like Nixon holed up in the White House.

He watched smugly and swaggeringly, lighting up his victory cigar in Africa after one of his small triumphs - the dismissal of the Paula Jones case - in this pantomime of deceit.

THE OBJECTIVE of Clinton's speech was to rally public opinion

to shut down the Starr investigation. He failed, and worse. Yes, his facsimile of remorse was enough to sustain his "job performance" polls. But his "personal approval" ratings have plunged from 60 percent to 40 percent.

More important to his survival, however, are his ratings with the country's political actors. His standing with them, Left to Right, is a shambles.

For Clinton, that is a huge political loss. Who besides James Carville and a few presidential flaks is going to carry on the Starr war now? Who is going to go out there and risk reputation and self-respect for him again?

There are not many people willing to see a president hanged for an office liaison alone. There are more who think the issue gets serious when it involves perjury. Others draw the line at witness-tampering and obstruction of justice.

But even that constituency is not enough to sink Clinton. The constituency mortified by his seven months of deceit, however, is immense. It might well do him in.

Why? Because the seven months reveals cynicism of a degree rarely

seen. It reveals a willingness to manipulate friends, allies, staff, supporters, the entire political culture with a coldness and prodigious selfishness that astounds. Cynicism, contempt for others, disdain for anything other than his own political welfare - that has been the charge of Clinton's critics since Day One.

Who can deny it now? And even now it doesn't stop. After the speech, reports *The Washington Post*, the White House issued talking points to aides suggesting how they should react to reporters' questions about feeling betrayed by the president's deception.

Sample question: "Do you forgive him for misleading you and the country?" Answer: "It's been said that 'He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.' Of course I do." This is the point at which cynicism turns into moral depravity.

This president doesn't even allow the feelings of those betrayed by him to go unscripted, unstimulated, unmanipulated, uncorrupted. Is there no end to the corruption of this man? Is there no dignity left among his staff?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A HOLLOW APOLOGY

Sir, - From what Stanley Broza wrote (Orr Spoke the Truth, August 20), I'm not sure that he read the same interview of Orr published in *Ha'aretz*; that I and everyone else read.

"All he did was accuse certain people of extravagant sensitivity?" He did much more! Orr maligned all Israelis of Moroccan descent, a group numbering over one million, (including many successful people several of whom I am acquainted with) by saying without citing a careful study or any authoritative data that Moroccans are "the most problematic group in Israel."

Orr also displayed a very patronizing attitude in saying that Barak's apology to the Sephardim and Oriental Jews was a waste of time and that he does not blame Barak rather *blames the Sephardim*.

After years of institutionalized discrimination, mostly under Labor Party and Mapai administration, the apology by Barak was in place. However it is ludicrous and insulting to expect the Sephardim to be bought so cheaply and to come to the Labor Party in droves. The apology is positive, yet merely a first step in a healing process which would have to take years to undo the years of damage caused by the Labor Party and their antecedents.

While it is legitimate to criticize MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, Orr did it in a manner which mirrored his attitude to the Sephardim. He said he

does not understand Ben-Ami's complaints of treatment of Sephardim. After all, "Ben-Ami was only 34th on the Labor list and he was catapulted to a higher position." As if Ben-Ami cares merely about his own power, and not about the plight of the Sephardim.

Orr's attitude toward the Sephardim seems to be of one's toward a crying child who has to be given a cheap toy to shut him/her up. I agree with Mr. Broza's statement that "Ehud Barak has, once again, missed the point and a great opportunity to display real leadership." However, I believe that Barak should have done the opposite of what Broza prescribes.

Had Barak immediately and unequivocally stated, "One year ago I apologized to the Sephardim with the sincere intention of correcting past wrongdoings by Orr and party and to have a party which does not tolerate any bigotry. The bigotry of Orr has no place in the Labor Party and Orr must go," he would have displayed leadership, would have alleviated some of the damage caused by Orr and would have shown that his apology was sincere.

Unfortunately Orr's statements and Barak's hesitations seemed to confirm the suspicions of many Sephardim that Barak's apology was a hollow political attempt to buy some votes.

GIL J. YASHAR
Jerusalem.

BRAINWASHING

Sir, - If The Post presented a broad range of political opinion, I could accept that, but when it is so heavily weighted to the left - not by occasional contributors but by major staff members (Amotz Asa-El, Calev Ben David etc.) - I feel the paper has lost the appeal for me that it had during the past few years. If I am to be brainwashed, I can have it done by *Ha'aretz* which makes no pretense of even-handedness. And including a Jonathan Rosenblum who presents an extreme haredi view means there is no voice of the religious zionists who I believe form a large part of your readers.

I hope that this switch to the left will correct itself so that I can continue to enjoy *The Post*.

SL BEAORE
Jerusalem

HAREDI BASHING

Sir, - The adage "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" came to mind as I was reading Amotz Asa-El's article "Middle Israel" (August 14). Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau said very clearly that to rescue a Jew or non-Jew is the same as far as desecrating Shabbat is concerned. However, things that may be done during the rescue operation, which are not necessary for the rescue operation are prohibited.

It seems that Mr. Asa-El used this news item for some hareidi-bashing.

R. COHEN
Jerusalem

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 24, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported on the rapid development of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and the allocation of land for the settlement of Jewish immigrants from Germany in the Emek Zevulun area. Lots were for lease in the recently reclaimed Haifa port area.

50 years ago: On August 24, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported at length on the meetings of the Zionist General Council which pledged to bring 100,000 immigrants to Israel that year and discussed the financial needs of the current war effort.

25 years ago: On August 24,

1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that while launching the Navy's second locally-built missile boat, the transport minister, Shimon Peres, hinted that Sharm el-Sheikh would become a commercial port, complementing Haifa, Ashdod, Eilat and Yamit.

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Hitting Home

America Takes On a Struggle With Domestic Costs

By PHILIP SHENON

CERTAINLY the images and the oratory last week were those of a fast-spreading war. In the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea, Tomahawk cruise missiles roared from the decks of American warships, bound for targets in Afghanistan and Sudan, where they smashed into what American officials describe as a terrorist training center and a chemical-weapons plant. In Washington, some of President Clinton's harshest Congressional critics put aside partisanship and saluted the nation's

Britain and Israel fight terrorism and know the costs — including curtailed liberties.

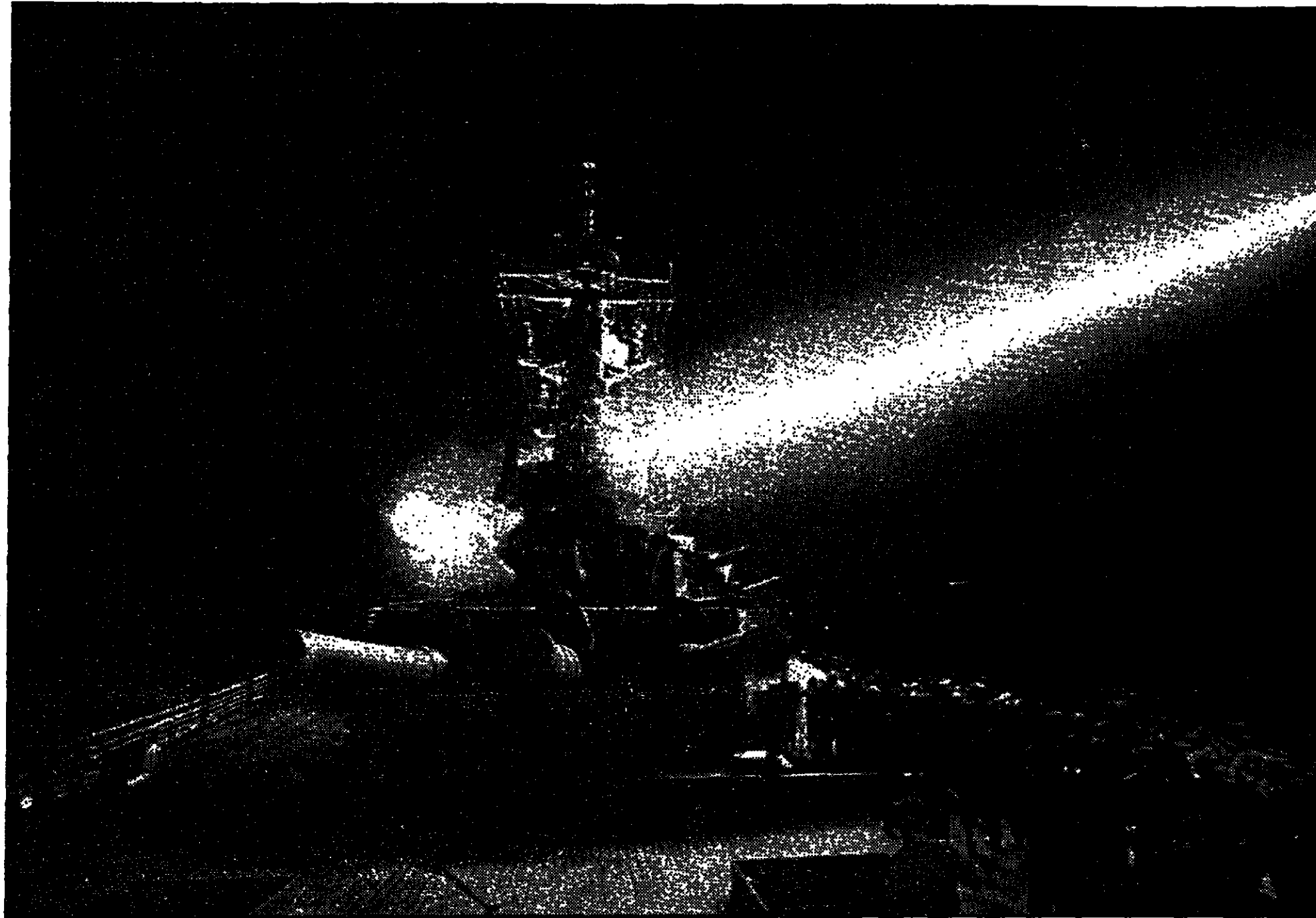
scandal-burdened leader for responding to terrorism with military strikes. Days before, in East Africa, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright had wandered the rubble of the bombed-out American Embassy in Kenya, comparing the scene here to her childhood memories of the blitz in London.

"It is like being in a war," she said after returning to Washington from Africa to help plan the attacks on Afghanistan and Sudan. "I think we are embarked on a venture in which we have to deal over the long run with what is the very serious threat to our way of life." President Clinton warned that the United States was facing "a long, ongoing struggle between freedom and fanaticism between the rule of law and terrorism."

Joining Battle

It was hardly the first blow in the struggle. The bombing of the World Trade Center in New York in 1993 shocked Americans out of feeling safe in their geographic isolation. And the American military had struck back before, at targets in Libya and Iraq. But last week's attack was portrayed as more than just retaliation; this was a pre-emptive strike against a continuing threat. And, ominously, the speechmakers were saying not that an enemy had been crushed, but that a battle had been joined.

So is the United States prepared for the consequences of what it now insists is a global war on terrorism? Experts in terror-



Sea-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles, like these fired in 1991 during the Persian Gulf war, were unleashed last week at targets linked by Washington to a terrorist network.

ism — and more specifically, in the activities of Osama bin Laden, the multimillionaire Saudi-born extremist believed responsible for the embassy attacks this month in Kenya and Tanzania — say that if the Clinton Administration is true to its word, Washington is embarked on a decades-long battle in which Americans may find themselves in-

creasingly targeted on the streets of their own cities.

It is a war, they say, in which the United States is confronted by an enemy who is difficult to identify and harder to catch.

"I don't think the United States understands what it's in for," said David M. Anderson, a senior lecturer at the School of Ori-

ental and African Studies in London, who has studied the Islamic fundamentalist groups in East Africa that have been tied to Mr. bin Laden. "This will be a long, perhaps never ending, attritional war. Pandora's box has been opened, and it won't be closed again."

Terrorism experts wonder if the United States is ready to add itself to a roster of

nations, including Britain, Ireland and Israel, that have curbed cherished civil rights in order to combat terrorism waged on their own soil.

Last week, the Irish Government responded to a bombing in Northern Ireland that

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Scenarios

'That Woman' Has Turned Politics Upside Down

By RICHARD L. BERKE

WHEN American voters entered into a liaison with Bill Clinton in 1992, they had no idea how politically dangerous it could be. In the primaries, Mr. Clinton swerved from the draft to Jennifer Flowers to questions about the state of his marriage. In the White House, the tumult only escalated, but the self-styled "Comeback Kid" managed to win re-election anyway.

But even taking for granted a President who has made the unpredictable predictable, Democrats and Republicans alike have been knocked completely off balance by the Monica S. Lewinsky debacle. Things are so unsettled that politicians in both parties last week found themselves alternatively condemning Mr. Clinton, offering solace — and keeping their mouths shut.

While the uproar over sex at the White House appears to have eclipsed the Congressional elections only 72 days away, it could have a tremendous influence on them, as well as the battle for the White House in 2000.

This is the first election where the outcome — that is, control of the House — could determine whether a Presidential impeachment process goes forward. Of course, some unforeseen domestic crisis or war could render the whole scandal moot. Who would have thought that President Clinton's dramatic admission last Monday that he had lied about his affair with Ms. Lewinsky would be overtaken later in the week by unparalleled, simultaneous cruise-missile strikes against terrorist targets on two continents? Mr. Clinton, whether intentionally or not, managed to change the subject, at least for now. Talk about an August surprise.

"It's madness to predict where we are at this point," said Tony Dolan, a speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan. "You can't strategize about chaos. And we're just entering the chaos."

For all the speculation, no one has a clue as to the true repercussions of the scandal. It is the biggest unanswered



Clinton and Gore at the White House: The Lewinsky scandal has made politics more byzantine and unpredictable.

— and, for now, unanswerable — question in American politics. Here, though, are some possibilities:

The 'Voters Stay Home' Scenario

The most popular scenario among Republicans is that as more and more embarrassing revelations about Mr. Clinton pour out, they will galvanize Republicans to vote against Democrats — and Democrats will grow so irate that they stay home. The result would be that the Republicans not only keep control of the House and Senate but also pick up some seats.

"When things happen that make one side's partisans unhappy, they stay home," Mr. Gingrich told a crowd of young Republicans in Atlanta last week. "When they stay home, they stay home for the whole ticket. I believe this fall we're going to see a surprisingly big Republican victory almost everywhere in this country."

Barely three months ago, Mr. Gingrich counseled Republicans to attack Mr. Clinton on his personal ethics. But last week, he was mum. The last thing he wants is his mug featured in Democratic commercials as the bogey-

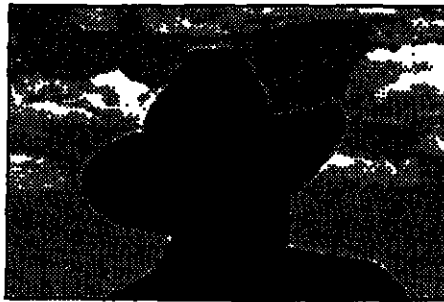
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Dead End

Why fugitives nowadays find it so easy to vanish into the wilderness.

By Timothy Egan

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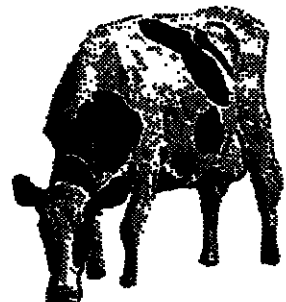


Dead Meat

If you're squeamish or like dogs, skip this story.

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In Washington, even hypocrisy has strict guidelines.

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Ideas & Trends

In a Summer of Searches, a Return to Low Tech

By TIMOTHY EGAN

FOR much of the summer, hundreds of searchers dressed in camouflage and armed with tracking devices that detect the slightest motion of warm-blooded bipeds have been scouring the woods of North Carolina and the slick-rock canyons of Utah looking for three of the nation's most-wanted fugitives.

They have used helicopters, night-vision scopes, heat sensors, motion detectors, smoke bombs, armored personnel carriers, small planes and radios with encrypted transmissions — all for naught.

The technology may be James Bondian. But what the searchers really need, says one frustrated sheriff, is a snitch and a good bloodhound.

Relying on Gadgets

The searches are among the biggest ever mounted, authorities say, and they have relied heavily on technology and gadgetry that makes the manhunt in movies like "Cool Hand Luke" seem quaint.

"These motion detectors, they're largely worthless as near as I can tell," said Sheriff Mike Lacy, of San Juan County, Utah, where a dragnet has been trying to find two men suspected of killing a police officer and wounding three others. "You pick up something and you can't tell if it's a cow or a deer or a dog or a man."

At one point, nearly 500 people were involved in the search for Alan L. Pilon and Jason W. McVean, the fugitives who vanished into the red rock country of the Southwest in late May. But the search party dwindled to a few sheriff's officers and amateur bounty hunters who keep bumping into the deputies.

In the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina, an army of more than 200 people were engaged at the height of the hunt for Eric Rudolph, who has been charged with the death of a security guard in the bombing of a Birmingham abortion clinic.

Mr. Rudolph, a white separatist, had disappeared into the woods shortly after the bombing last Jan. 29. He is also wanted for questioning about three bombings in Georgia, including one during the 1996 Olympic Games.

As the North Carolina task force dwindled, that search became entangled with freelance bounty hunters and volunteers — notably James (Bo) Gritz, the former Green Beret colonel who makes his living selling survivalist gear and railing on his radio talk show about millennial conspiracies. On Friday, even Mr. Gritz gave up and ordered his troops to prepare to break up their paramilitary camp near Andrews, N.C.

Mr. Rudolph is believed to be hiding in the Nantahala National Forest, south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He has a \$1 million bounty on his head.

Hobbled Heat Seeker

Bloodhounds are still used. But heat has been a hindrance to the dogs, particularly in the arid Southwest. The hot weather — in Utah, temperatures have reached 106 degrees — has also hobbled some of the heat-seeking devices.

"If you don't have people giving you tips, or you don't do basic police work, it can get pretty tough to find a guy," said Captain Terry Blue of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina.

Earlier this summer, officers from Mr. Blue's small office nabbed a fugitive who



Associated Press

Put away those night-vision goggles. What the police really want are bloodhounds and snitches.

was wanted in the killings of two campers. The suspect, James A. Finley Jr., had bragged to friends that he could elude authorities as well as Mr. Rudolph. But after a six-day search, he was caught by men on foot, with dogs.

Members of the search party had done their homework, reasoning that Mr. Finley might return to an old hunting hideout he had used before. They also had a tip from a person who reported him trying to enter a cabin.

"He came running right to where we were waiting," said Mr. Blue. "But we had everybody helping us. You've got a little different mindset out there with Rudolph. A lot of people aren't so eager to turn him in."

T-shirts that say "Run Rudolph Run" have sold not far from the search base for Mr. Rudolph.

A 31-year-old carpenter with survivalist skills, Mr. Rudolph has left money behind after stealing groceries, and is said to have a polite demeanor — endearing qualities to some in the Appalachians who resent the show of force by state and Federal law



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A Navajo police investigator in a cave in Utah, above, looking for two fugitives suspected of killing a Colorado police officer. Below, a young volunteer in North Carolina hoping to persuade a bombing suspect to turn himself in.

enforcement officers.

Mr. Rudolph is a ninth-grade dropout who is on the F.B.I.'s 10 most wanted list.

For a long time, the search has centered on a relatively small 30-square-mile area in the mountains. But it is a thicket of rhododendrons and hardwood brush, with plenty of caves and hollows in which to hide.

By contrast, the Utah search has centered on 5,600 square miles of public land — an area bigger than the state of Connecticut — that contains part of the Navajo Indian Reservation, the canyons around Lake Powell, the expanse of Monument Valley, the high reaches of the Henry Mountains and two areas whose names say it all: the Dark Canyon Primitive Area and the Grand Gulch Primitive Area.

"I could go hide out there now and nobody could ever find me," said Sheriff Lacy, whose office is leading the search. "There's plenty of water, and food and old mine shafts to hide in if you know what you're doing."

Despite the aid of the National Guard and the array of technology, the Utah search is back to square one, with few substantial leads, said the sheriff.

"We're down to trying to do the leg work and following up on tips," Mr. Lacy said. "One day we'll catch them, or find them dead. Could be a long time, though."

Bon Appétit

Pets or Meat: One Man's Elsie Is Another's Pot Roast

By FRANK BRUNI

DEE JENKINS was never much for T-bones or rib eyes, but she was always a sucker for a good burger. That is, until Maggie the cow came along.

Mrs. Jenkins and her husband, who live in the Catskill Mountains in Delaware County, bought her four years ago. Their motive was fresh milk, but the cow quickly became more than dairy in Mrs. Jenkins's eyes. Maggie came when called and was loquacious with her mooing, seemingly trying to communicate. She followed the car up the driveway.

When Maggie gave birth to a bull, Augie, Mrs. Jenkins figured he would be slaughtered eventually. But he was just like mom, gentle and loyal and smart. He's now a 2-year-old, 800-pound pet, and burgers don't sit as well in Mrs. Jenkins's stomach. "It's hard, once you've had a one-on-one relationship," Mrs. Jenkins said, adding that she is close to banishing beef entirely from her diet. "I mean, you'd never eat a dog or cat."

Appreciating Cows

Behind Mrs. Jenkins's conversion to bovine appreciation lies a serious question: Is there really any hard logic to which animals Americans exempt from consumption, and which ones they exploit? Is the triage of concern for different breeds — whether they are eaten, used in experiments or simply eliminated as pests — a matter of sense or sentimentality?

A ballot initiative in California also raises this question. In November, voters there will decide whether to criminalize the sale of unwanted horses for slaughter and export to meat shops in Belgium, France and Japan, where many people see little difference between Bessie and Flicka, who are protein all the same. Some who support the referendum eat beef and pork, despite the fact that cows and pigs are intelligent enough and, under the right circumstances, every bit as lovable as horses. Just ask Mrs. Jenkins, or anyone swept up in the modest craze for Vietnamese potbelled pigs a decade ago.

"I don't think there's any great rhyme or reason to this," said Dr. John E. Saldia, who teaches ethics at the

veterinary school at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Animal experts said that Americans often assume that those animals with whom they have formed the closest bonds — dogs, cats and horses, for example — are smarter or more affectionate than those they eat, but that appraisal is sometimes as subjective as it is scientific.

They said the different treatment of these breeds is explained in part by what they called the social contracts people have developed with certain species. The more often we turn to a given type of animal for services beyond nutrition, the more likely we are to feel squeamish about eating it. It feels too much like a betrayal.

Horses once carried soldiers into battle; they now provide sport for equestrians. Although there were those who promoted it, pig racing never really caught on, and a game of polo using sheep would be a little awkward.

Roger Caras, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that dogs became pets and not prey in part because the earliest breeds were relatively small, offering paltry portions of meat. Wild boar, by contrast, were four-legged buffets, and today's pigs bear the consequences.

Often, intelligence is indeed a factor in the degrees of concern felt for different animals. The special outcry over medical experimentation on primates arises from the knowledge that they are extraordinarily bright, more like humans than any other animals.

But why do rabbits elicit more concern than guinea pigs, who may be equally smart? Some animal experts said it's pure public relations. Rabbits have Easter and Peter Cottontail on their side; guinea pigs, by dint of linguistic misfortune, are metaphors for hapless pioneers, and thus deemed appropriate in that role.

"Some of this is about fairy tales," Dr. Saldia said. "It's about movies."

Unfair to Rats

It's also about looks. People have shown a fairly consistent preference, for example, for the fluffy and the big eyed. That's one advantage squirrels have over rats, although experts said they are strikingly alike. "Both are potentially plague carriers," noted Randy Lockwood, an executive with the Humane Society of the United States

who studies human-animal relationships.

John Gittleman, a biology professor at the University of Virginia, said more money is spent on the conservation of red wolves than gray because of prejudice. "Color has a lot to do with the way we perceive things, why certain carnivores seem less threatening to us than others," Dr. Gittleman said. "The red wolf also has a smaller, rounder face — it looks more cuddly."

The sometimes arbitrary nature of human judgment is reflected in the way it changes. A bat clinging to the eaves was once cause for shudders and maybe a call to the exterminator (bats can carry rabies); increasingly, Mr. Lockwood noted, suburbanites are erecting bat houses, in belated appreciation of the beast's rapacious appetite for mosquitoes.

Has Anyone Seen Flido?

Moreover, many rules collapse in the face of need. Mr. Caras noted that while dogs were once held in totemic esteem by some Native American tribes, dogs slipped off that pedestal when meat became scarce.

"In crisis," Mr. Caras said, "we will eat anything." Put another way, some people elevate animals they feel they can afford to: rabbits because there are guinea pigs and rats to take up the laboratory slack; minks because there are synthetic sources of warmth; horses because there are plenty of cattle and they don't bring to mind "Black Beauty" or "National Velvet."

Except for Mrs. Jenkins. Long ago, she swore off veal: too sad, the way those calves were treated. She gave up lamb: too fleecy, too meek. She never considered venison: too much like Bambi's mother, chased through the woods by hunters.

"I'm a hair away from being a vegetarian," she said proudly, then reflected on how differently even those closest to her see the world. Her husband, Lee, still enjoys his sirloin steaks as much as ever, though he, too, has grown fond of Maggie and Augie. And when Mrs. Jenkins recently introduced Augie to her grown son, he did not find the bull as adorable as she does.

"Mom," she recalled him saying, "let me tell you. He'd look much better beside a baked potato."



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Unlike Westerners, the Vietnamese love a dog dinner. A delivery to a local Hanoi restaurant, above.

The Nation

In Washington, Breaking the Rules of Hypocrisy

By TODD S. PURDUM

THE President sets his jaw and shakes his finger. His aides, friends and fellow Democrats swallow their doubts and accept, or second, his denials. Seven months later, as evidence against him mounts, the President sets his jaw and concedes he "misled people." His aides, friends and fellow Democrats swallow their pride and confess dismay.

Could they really not have known? "I've spoken with Bill Clinton many times about this problem, and he never admitted to me what happened," one of them, Senator Robert G. Torricelli of New Jersey, said last week after the President acknowledged having a relationship "that was not appropriate" with Monica S. Lewinsky. "But I could always hear it in his voice. I could feel the pain and embarrassment, and there was never any doubt in my mind."

Like many others — not all of them Democrats — Mr. Torricelli chose not to share that view publicly, and in so choosing he accepted a set of subtle and elaborate rituals often demanded in public life. Call them the rules of required hypocrisy. This is roughly how they work:

A politician professes innocence of wrongdoing. Other people who owe him their loyalty, or livelihood, or love, may also know him well enough to doubt him deeply. But they doubt the motives of his adversaries even more, so they close ranks. As time passes, the demands of the defense grow greater, and the defenders' own credibility is at stake. Positions freeze. The politician has, after all, denied it.

Filling the Credibility Gap

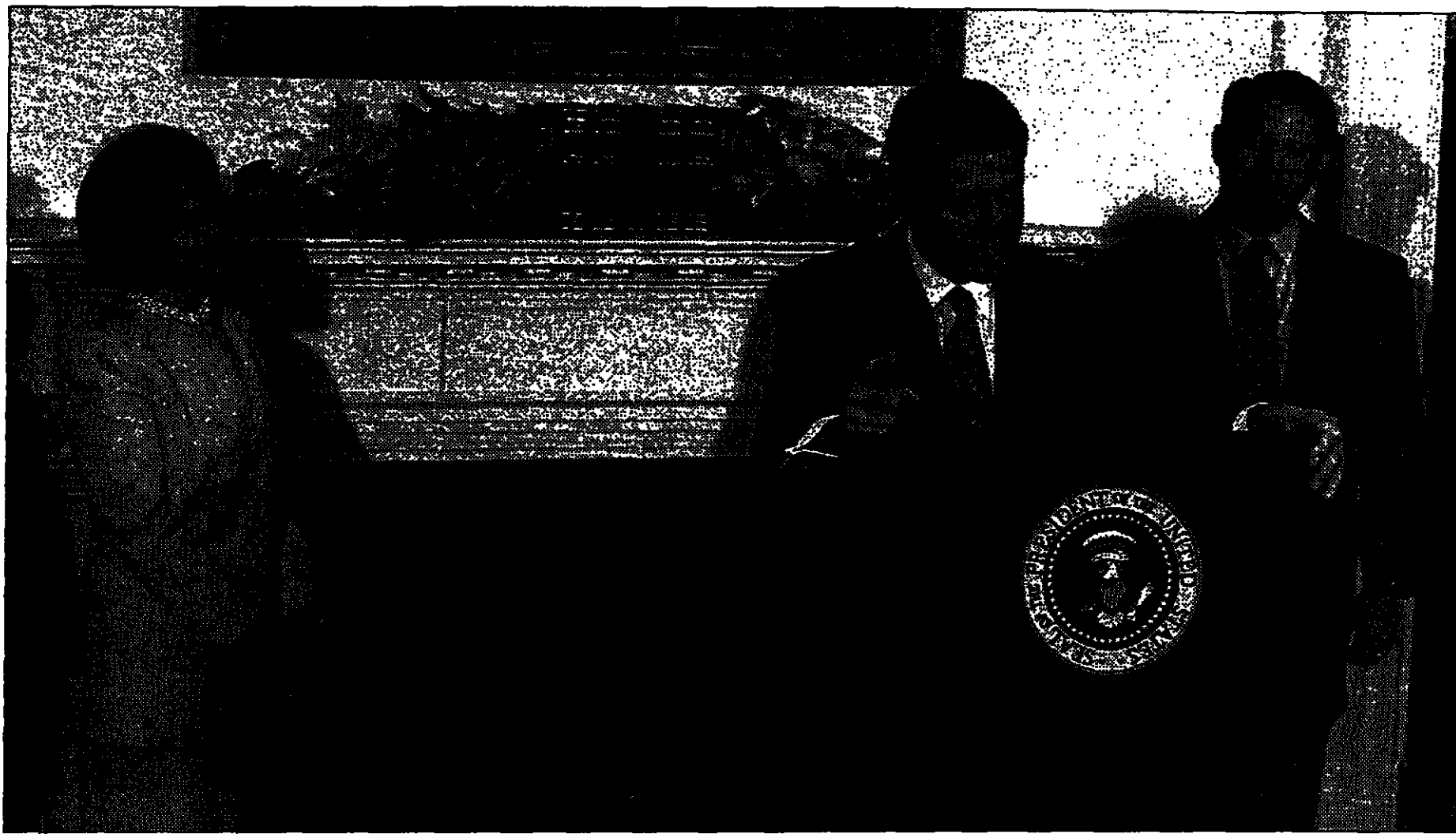
"It is a social convention," said Letitia Baldridge, the doyenne of manners who was Jacqueline Kennedy's chief of staff in the White House. While Miss Baldridge made it clear she found no mitigating circumstances in Mr. Clinton's deceptions, she said he was owed deference by his supporters all the same: "People expect you to be loyal. When you are in a place of trust, even if those above you abrogate that trust, you should remain loyal."

Or as Mr. Torricelli put it, "At a point when a friend has a problem, you let them come to an admission on their own terms."

By week's end, Mr. Clinton, with his missile strikes on terrorist outposts abroad, had given politicians yet another occasion to squelch private doubts in public comments. Even a harsh critic like Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of Missouri, said that despite "a cloud of mistrust" over the President, Mr. Clinton "is entitled to the presumption that his action is based solely on his judgment of the national interest."

In her book "Lying" (Vintage, 1989), the philosopher Sissela Bok reflects on the dilemmas faced by doctors who suspect malpractice by their colleagues or superiors. "No one likes to be an informer and to destroy a reputation or a career, perhaps even mistakenly," she wrote. "One cannot always be certain of one's suspicions; and in order to support them with clear evidence, steps may be required that few are willing to take."

Even journalists, however jaded, are confined to reporting unflattering accretions of facts, and letting those facts suggest, but not confirm, conclusions. It was not until after the President's own carefully coached



On Jan. 26 in the White House, President Clinton insisted, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

confession, after all, that the New York tabloids felt free at last to call him a liar in their front-page headlines.

The problem is that President Clinton has always been a politician who plays by his own rules: Never give people more information than they know, never use active words when passive words will do, accept responsibility but place blame elsewhere, excuse yourself within any admission. So people who abide by the more conventional rules of required hypocrisy when they deal with him almost always get burned.

Shattered Faith

Take Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California. She sat in the front row of the Roosevelt Room in the West Wing on Jan. 26, feet from Mr. Clinton's stern face, when he insisted, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky." What's more, the Senator's friends said, Mr. Clinton privately assured her that Ms. Lewinsky had been transferred from the White House because she fantasized about him and was "on the verge

of stalking him."

Ms. Feinstein later issued a statement denying such a talk, but when she finally allowed last week that "My trust in his credibility has been badly shattered," friends said the comment only began to suggest the depth of her true distaste for the President's deceptions.

Similarly, White House political aides like Paul Begala and Rahm Emanuel who defended the President vigorously all year decided to do so only after receiving assurances from Mr. Clinton's lawyers that he was not making precisely the semantic distinctions among sexual activities that he and his lawyers are now making.

Of course, some politicians follow the rules more cynically. "A lot of people who supported him are now saying, 'I'm outraged' for the benefit of the voters back home," Miss Baldridge said.

In "The Art of Lying" (Red Brick Press, 1988), a current book of pocket philosophy that Mr. Clinton's disappointed friends might be tempted to recommend, the author, Kazuo Sakai, writes: "A healthy psyche is not entirely based on the ability to tell the truth. A healthy

psyche includes the ability to skillfully control the use of lies and the truth."

Former Mayor Edward I. Koch of New York is as candid a politician as the modern era has produced. But even he used to sign his most sarcastic, stinging letters to critics like Representative Charles B. Rangel, "All the best."

Jack Valenti served as an aide to Lyndon B. Johnson, the President whose deceptions about Vietnam prompted the coining of the phrase "credibility gap." But he insisted last week that his President had never lied to him personally.

"I do think there are some limits," Mr. Valenti said. "If L.B.J. had said to me that 'This is the truth,' and then if I found out he was deliberately lying to me, maybe I would let slip these bonds of loyalty," and quit.

"But on the other hand," Mr. Valenti added, "I would probably seek a private audience and try to ascertain how he could have done it, and then I'd probably go out and defend him in some way. It's just how I was raised, and I'm too old to change now."

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man who is out to do in Mr. Clinton. "We're not going to give Clinton the life preserver that he would like: to make this a partisan attack," said a leading Republican strategist, who was so reluctant to appear out to get Mr. Clinton that he spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Other Republicans are less timid. In Tennessee, Dan Page unveiled an anti-Clinton commercial in his bid to unseat Representative Bob Etheridge. As headlines of Clinton scandals pop on the screen, the announcer intones, "Scandal after scandal. Day after day. And who stands with Bill Clinton, even now? Liberal Bob Etheridge."

Republicans argue that with a besieged Democrat in the White House, voters will be even more inclined to keep a Republican Congress. Even some White House officials say the Lewinsky debacle has already exacted an "opportunity cost." Democrats began mapping out a strategy in late 1997 for a unified national message on issues like "saving" Social Security, improving health care and making schools safer. But so far, it has been lost in the swamp of scandal.

Many Republicans are gleefully waiting to see if there is "reverse coattails" effect, in which Democrats resist having the President campaign in their states or districts for fear that his troubles could rub off on them. "I want to see the first Democrat who has the guts to haul him into a remotely competitive race," said Charles Cook, editor of a nonpartisan political report.

For now, the White House is planning to keep Mr. Clinton out of the conservative South, and to dispatch him to states that might be reliably hospitable, like New York.

The Backfire Scenario

For all their worries, Democrats are taking solace in polls showing, at least thus far, that Mr. Clinton's high job-approval ratings are essentially unchanged by the scandal. Senator Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat, said he believes the initial shock over Mr. Clinton's confession will subside. "People will say, 'Oh my gosh, he actually did this?'" he said. "But when people start thinking about this in human terms — not in Presidential terms — they'll recognize that we all fall from grace. It's human nature."

Democrats also hold out hope for a backlash. One possibility is that Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel, will make some huge miscalculation that gives Democrats ammunition to cast him in commercials as a villain on a partisan vendetta. Sometime this fall, Mr. Starr is expected to forward a report to Congress of his investigation of Mr. Clinton that could be the basis for impeachment proceedings.

It may be in the Republicans' best interest to keep a beleaguered Democratic President beleaguered — and in office.

Attempting, already, to pre-empt Mr. Starr, the Democratic Party last week distributed "talking points" (an interesting choice of words), urging candidates around the country to tell voters that "rather than politics of personal destruction, Americans deserve an agenda" in Congress.

Democrats recall that despite fears that the party would lose its big donors after the Lewinsky scandal broke, many donors were so furious at Mr. Starr that contributions actually increased for a time. If not Mr. Starr, Democrats might try to bait the unpre-

dictable Mr. Gingrich into attacking Mr. Clinton, enraging Democrats and drawing them to the polls.

Jeff Woodburn, chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, is counting on the opposition to be overzealous. "The Republicans who are standing close to the fire and fanning the flames are going to be the ones who get burned," he said.

President Gore

As Democrats weigh whether to distance themselves from Mr. Clinton, Vice President Al Gore already has. He is on vacation for two weeks in Hawaii.

Remote as it seems, there is always the chance that Mr. Clinton will be forced from his job, thrusting Mr. Gore headfirst into the Oval Office.

"The strange thing is, if Bill Clinton leaves now all bets are off in November," said Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster. "You could have an outpouring of support for Al Gore in this time of great crisis that could immediately change the political landscape. Or you could have such disgust among the American people that nobody votes in November."

As an incumbent, Mr. Gore might be in a more commanding position to win the Demo-

cratic nomination in 2000, and perhaps the election. It could be that voters will want a President who seems too much the Boy Scout to be a womanizer.

Yet voters may simply want a respite from anyone connected with Mr. Clinton. And Mr. Gore is not helped by his own campaign-finance woes. The Justice Department last week reopened its investigation of Mr. Gore amid evidence that contradicts the Vice President's contention that he did not improperly solicit campaign money from the White House in 1996.

Maybe it wasn't a bad idea for the Vice President to take cover in Hawaii.

I'm Moral

The Lewinsky matter is already reverberating among Republicans running for President. They are wooing the conservative voters who dominate the primaries — and stumbling over one another trying to be the first to call for Mr. Clinton's resignation. Already, former Vice President Dan Quayle, ex-Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri, Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire and Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council, are in the resignation chorus.

While they hardly expect Mr. Clinton to

heed their advice, a resignation call makes a surefire applause line. Yet the more candidates cry, "Resign!" the less likely it is that any of those candidates will gain political advantage. Still, the political impact is real: As prominent Republicans speak heatedly and publicly about Mr. Clinton's troubles, that increases the likelihood that other Republicans will call for the President's resignation — and exacerbates partisan tensions.

No matter what, expect Republicans to emphasize their moral rectitude, and place an even greater premium on candidates with clean biographies. In fact, the scandal may change the rules: potential candidates with any kind of skeleton in the closet may stay clear of the fray. "Some Republicans may be tempted to think they have to run an archbishop to garner votes," Mr. Dolan said.

Still, maybe Republicans shouldn't get too carried away. While voters may hope for a modicum of ethics, in the age of Clinton they no longer seem to expect high virtue.

'Monica Who?'

Under this approach, there is no intersection between the Lewinsky matter and electoral politics. Instead, people view Mr. Clinton's relationship as having nothing to do with matters closer to home, like whether their portfolios are filled or they are getting a steady paycheck.

For now, most candidates are so uncertain about the Lewinsky fallout that they appear to be subscribing to this theory, saying little about the scandal.

Peter Hart, a Democratic pollster, said Mr. Clinton could end up as something of an afterthought in the campaigns this year. "The President is less relevant in this election cycle than he has been in previous years," he said. "That's because one party doesn't want to run against him, and one party doesn't want to run with him."

Talk about an isolated President.

A Hobbled Clinton

For all their cries for Mr. Clinton to resign, it's pretty much conventional wisdom now that that may be the last thing Republicans want. Once they get past November, it may be in Republicans' best interest to keep a beleaguered Democratic President beleaguered — and in office. The longer the Lewinsky matter drags on, presumably, the less influence Mr. Clinton will have on Capitol Hill and the less unified the Democratic Party will be.

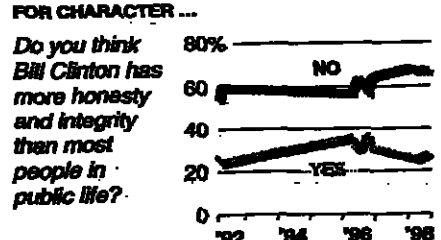
"Truth has a way of marching on," said Representative Dick Armey of Texas, the majority leader, "and I think truth has not yet completed its journey in this matter."

Translation: The Republicans are not about to let Monica S. Lewinsky fade away.

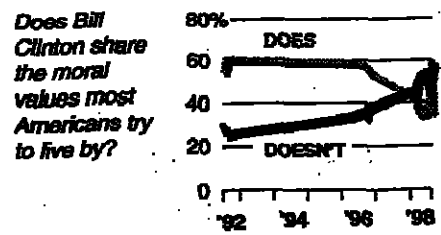
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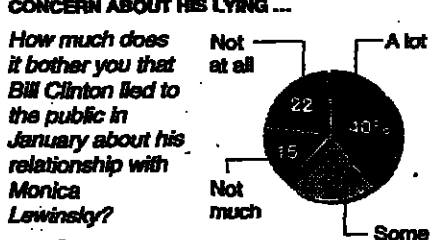
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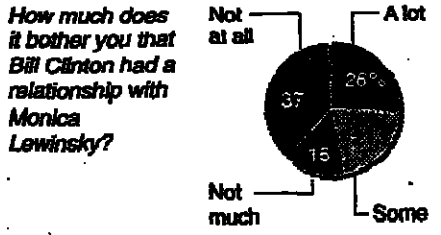
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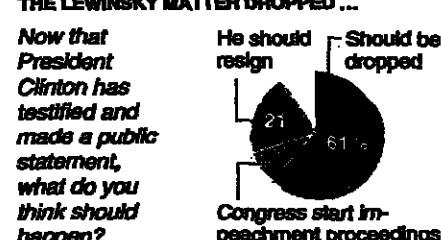
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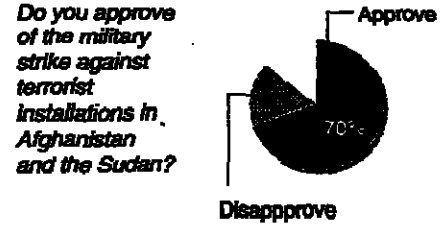
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The World



Grozny, capital of Chechnya, showed the effects of Russian bombardment in 1994, during Chechen efforts to secede.

The Latest Formula for Peace: Lie About Who's in Charge

By STEVEN ERLANGER

WASHINGTON — If diplomats are sent abroad to lie for their countries, sometimes their greatest contribution to peace can be to sell creative, convenient and competing fictions to both sides in a civil war.

As Chechnya went, so, perhaps, can go Kosovo. In both places the ideals of absolute sovereignty and self-determination are bent these days to make way for the notion that peace is more complicated than either of those ideals permits.

And not just in the lands of Eastern Europe. Something similar is happening in far-flung corners of an ethnically divided world, from Northern Ireland to Abkhazia to the West Bank.

It is Chechnya, the secessionist province of southern Russia, that has begun to serve as a model, at least for Kosovo. A brutal war was brought to a halt in 1996 when both sides agreed to contradictory pretenses. The bargain kept Chechnya legally a territory within Russia, but the Chechens were left to run it on their own. Now the Chechens, who had fought for independence, can behave as if that was what they won. And the Russians, whose army was humiliated, can insist they remain sovereign over a territory they do not control.

In this fine area between what the diplomats call de facto and de jure (loose translation: really and legally), negotiators found something perhaps more valuable than literal truth: a bit of room to stop the slaughter and buy some time by putting off a final determination of sovereignty. Temporary peace may not be divine justice, but it may be more infectious. The hope, of course, is that in a few years the politicians who began the ethnic wars will have passed from the scene, opening the way for other, newer politicians more capable of negotiating a peace based on realities rather than fictions.

American diplomats are thinking along those lines when they try to stop the killing in Kosovo, the southern Serbian province. Ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the population, are demanding independence but the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic refuses to grant more than limited autonomy. So negotiators are pressing for a Chechnya-like solution: full autonomy that amounts to de facto independence for Kosovo, with legal sovereignty remaining with Belgrade (so long as the Kosovars agree to protect the rights of the minority Serbs and Serb holy places). The Kosovars would maintain current borders and reject any political association with Albania or other surrounding states. And international observers would monitor the whole semantic fiction.

After all, said Moises Naim, the editor of the journal Foreign Policy, "the gap between international law and realities on the ground is growing by the day, and new forms of arrangements are growing, too, especially where borders become much more open to trade and investment than to tolerance and ideas."

A Trend

In Northern Ireland and in the territories to which the Palestinian Authority lays claim, as well as in the Abkhazia region of Georgia and the Tatarstan republic of Russia, traditional ideas of sovereignty are being subverted in the name of peace.

"The trend may be hard to see because it is surrounded by ethnic cleansing and conflict," said Mr. Naim. "But pressures are building for more flexible notions of sovereignty. While people claim borders are sacred, reality makes them very porous and in many dimensions, irrelevant."

Paul R. Williams worked as a State Department lawyer and advised the Bosnians at the Dayton talks, as he now advises on

Kosovo. "During the cold war, everyone needed states with borders," he said. "It demarcated the chessboard." But a messier world requires more imagination; in Kosovo's case, he suggests a form of "phased independence or intermediate sovereignty," with restrictions on its ability to associate with Albania, for instance.

Paul Goble, a former State Department and intelligence analyst now at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, said that before World War II, there were varying kinds of sovereignty in a world that was beginning to move away from colonial rule, with numerous protectorates and mandates. "After World War II and during the cold war, we decided to treat all states as nation states, with equal status," he said. "But the world is more complicated than that. With the end of the ideological divisions that defined a lot of what we did at the United Nations, we're more open to complications."

The Norm

Border changes, which were unknown from 1945 to 1989, are the historical norm in a Europe of nationalities, Mr. Goble said. "What a state can and cannot do, and its relationship to its own population and the rest of the world, are now more open questions."

That may be particularly true in eastern and central Europe, where questions of national identity and suppressed national minorities kicked off World War I. Communist leaders — like Stalin and Tito — tried to bury them under the repressive and false identity of "socialist man." But with the collapse of the Soviet Union and its empire — in considerable part due to the unsolved nationalities question — successors like Mr.

Milosevic have openly manipulated these tensions for political support and reaped horrors like Bosnia, Chechnya and Kosovo.

But while the Chechens fought the Russians to a standstill, Mr. Milosevic's army has been rolling up the insurgent militia, the Kosovo Liberation Army and has driven nearly a third of Kosovo's population from their homes. Serb depredations have made it impossible for the Kosovar Albanians to agree on a negotiating position that would be accepted by both the moderate leader Ibrahim Rugova and the shadowy fighters of the Kosovo Liberation Army.

But unlike Bosnia — and like Chechnya — the war is a civil one within the internationally recognized boundaries of the former Yugoslavia, making it much harder for the world to intervene. As important, Washington and NATO do not favor the independence that the Kosovars want, fearing that new borders will mean wider conflicts in the region and even the destruction of the Bosnian settlement, which set up a multi-ethnic state.

So despite their horror at Mr. Milosevic's tactics and duplicity, the West thus far favors an outcome closer to his position than to the K.L.A.'s.

And Mr. Milosevic's brutal and at least temporarily successful campaign against the K.L.A., while NATO has watched, probably makes the prospect of negotiating an extended form of autonomy for Kosovo easier than before.

"He's beaten them back, and that changes things," said one senior NATO-country diplomat. "The West wants to avoid both intervention and independence. So if Milosevic can handle it himself, it makes it easier to negotiate the kind of intermediate outcome we prefer."



Chechen mothers, demanding peace in 1994, had their plea answered two years later.

America Embarks On a New Style of War

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killed 28 people by announcing "draconian" measures to deal with terrorism, including a proposal that would make it easier to hold suspects without charging them with a crime.

In announcing the attacks on Afghanistan and Sudan, the Pentagon refused to provide basic information about how the air strikes were carried out — a degree of official censorship by the military rarely seen in Washington since World War II. Lawmakers have cited the embassy bombings in calling for President Clinton to revoke an executive order that bans assassination as an instrument of foreign policy.

The attacks on Afghanistan and Sudan seem to reflect the move by the Clinton Administration away from what had been its preferred course in dealing with international terrorists — treating them as criminals and bringing them to justice through the niceties of law enforcement, trial by jury and diplomacy.

Due process may now be a luxury. While Mr. bin Laden is not known to face charges in any American court, the United States was willing to dispatch dozens of cruise missiles to Afghanistan to destroy his training camps and to kill anyone unlucky enough to have been there as they landed, including Mr. bin Laden. "There have been and will be times when law enforcement and diplomatic tools are simply not enough, when our very national security is challenged," the President said last week.

The Clinton Administration hopes that by retaliating for the embassy bombings, Mr. bin Laden and his followers will think twice before striking again against American targets. It is a popular strategy among many of the President's political foes. The attacks in Afghanistan and Sudan drew widespread bipartisan praise on Capitol Hill, where Mr. Clinton was otherwise under siege over his acknowledgment of an improper relationship with a White House intern. "I want to applaud the President," said Senator Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee and who earlier in the week had called the President a "jerk" over his handling of the intern scandal. "I want to give him credit for being willing to take this action at this time."

Retaliation

But while retaliation pays early political dividends and may serve as a deterrent, history shows that one act of retaliation may simply inspire another. In 1986, the

United States bombed Libya after terrorists linked to the Libyan Government killed an American soldier at a Berlin discotheque. Two years later, a Pan Am jumbo jet blew up over Scotland, an attack that killed 270 people and was blamed by the Justice Department on two Libyan intelligence agents. And the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in Manhattan demonstrated that foreign terrorists had already arrived on American shores.

Secretary of State Albright warned last week of the consequences of a tougher line in dealing with terrorists: "What I think is very important for the American people to understand is that there may in fact be retaliatory actions. We are very concerned about this." Even before the American strikes, half a dozen American embassies in Europe, Africa and the Middle East had been effectively shut down after warnings that they were next on the list of targets.

Some sort of retaliation for last week's air strikes seems inevitable, if only because Mr. bin Laden's Muslim extremist followers are so numerous and far flung — from Pakistan to the Philippines, from Sudan to Afghanistan — and so eager to follow his edict to make targets of Americans.

The loose nature of this network, though, presents problems for Americans in thinking about how to confront it. Focusing just on the leader, some experts argue, is not a promising strategy. "Bin Laden is a bogeyman," said Mr. Anderson, the African specialist. "He didn't build the bombs in East Africa. He didn't plant them. He just paid for them. There are lots of other small groups who would have been happy to take his money and carry this out. I don't think the United States really understands the way the activists among Islamic radicals have broken into very small fragments. They are connected to each other, but only loosely."

So targeting them for retaliation, he said, is likely to be difficult. For now, the United States is eager to paint Mr. bin Laden as the chief architect of the bombings in East Africa — "perhaps the pre-eminent organizer and financier of international terrorism in the world today," as President Clinton put it last week.

But should Mr. bin Laden be captured or killed, there are other, more shadowy extremists who appear likely to take his place in their holy war against America. In a sense, Mr. bin Laden's notoriety has made it easier for Washington to mount its global war against terrorism. Without him, the United States might be left to battle an enemy who is increasingly dangerous but without an obvious face.

Osama bin Laden, In His Own Words

OSAMA BIN LADEN, the Islamic fundamentalist and exiled Saudi businessman linked by the Clinton Administration to the bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, has for years taunted the United States as weak and irresolute, and has denounced countries like Saudi Arabia that have allowed American troops to operate on Islamic soil. Administration officials said the targets of American attacks last week in Afghanistan and Sudan were training bases and a chemical factory used by groups linked to Mr. bin Laden.

On June 10, ABC's "World News Tonight" and "Nightline" broadcast portions of an interview with Mr. bin Laden conducted in Afghanistan through an interpreter by its correspondent John Miller on May 28. Here are excerpts from the full interview, as distributed by ABC News on its web site.

On American resolve:

We have seen in the last decade the decline of the American Government and the weakness of the American soldier who is ready to wage cold wars and unprepared to fight long wars. This was proven in Beirut when the Marines fled after two explosions. It also proves they can run in less than 24 hours, and this was also repeated in Somalia.

On the fatwa, or edict, that he has issued calling on Muslims to kill Americans where they can, regardless of whether they are soldiers or civilians:

Allah ordered us in this religion to purify Muslim land of all non-believers. After World War II, the Americans became more aggressive and oppressive, especially in the Muslim world. American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. They are the ones who used the bombs against Nagasaki. Can these bombs distinguish between infants and military? America does not have a religion that will prevent it from destroying all people.



On Israel's cooperation in 1983 with Lebanese Christians who massacred Palestinians outside Beirut, and assertions that American-led sanctions against Iraq have killed many children.

All of this was done in the name of American interests. We believe that the biggest thieves in the world and the

terrorists are the Americans. The only way for us to fend off these assaults is to use similar means. We do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians; they are all targets in this fatwa.

On the capture in Manila of Wali Khan Amin Shah, whom American authorities had linked to Mr. bin Laden and who they said had planned to assassinate President Clinton:

You mentioned that he works for me — we do not have anyone who works for someone else. We all work for Allah and await his reward. And regarding your mention of his attempt to assassinate President Clinton, it is not surprising. I did not know about it, but it is not surprising. ... What does Clinton expect from those whom he killed and assaulted their children and mothers?

On the performance of American troops in Somalia, where he was linked to the forces that took them on:

After Allah honored us with victory in Afghanistan ... it cleared from Muslim minds the myth of superpowers. The youth ceased from seeing America as a superpower. After leaving Afghanistan they headed for Somalia and prepared for a long battle, thinking that the Americans were like the Russians, but they were surprised. ... The youth were surprised at the low morale of the American soldiers and realized more than before that the American soldiers are paper tigers. After a few blows, they ran in defeat and America forgot about all the hoopla and media propaganda. ... about being the world leader, and the leader of the new world order.

ECONOMY

Life Inundates Art: Why Moms Cringe at Mommy Books

By JANE GROSS

TWO work or not to work? That question, posed as an ideological, either-or choice in numerous new books and on the covers of women's magazines, seems beside the point to Betsy Laganis, a Brooklyn mother of three.

Ms. Laganis, a consultant to social welfare agencies, has tried both ways and every permutation in between. But her choices have never been based on politics or philosophy. They have been seat-of-the-pants decisions, made and revised from one day to the next in the maelstrom of family life, often for ridiculously mundane reasons.

Like head lice.

Ms. Laganis, working in a city agency after the birth of her third child, was barely keeping it together as her maternal responsibilities seemed to increase exponentially. Two of the children were often ill, and there had been a baby-sitter disaster. Then all three youngsters came home from their various schools one day with head lice, just as the city, trying to trim its work force, offered employees a generous severance package.

Seizing this serendipitous moment several years ago, Ms. Laganis quit her job and began her fourth stint — the first that wasn't a maternity leave — as a stay-at-home mom.

"The whole combination came together, and I saw this wasn't working for me or my family," she said. "But it's so personal and so circumstantial. I hate this thing of 'you stay home or you work.' Why do you have to be on one track or the other? Why can't you feel it out as you go along?"

Ms. Laganis told her story to the accompaniment of knowing laughter from a group of neighborhood friends — all of them mothers, some who are in the workplace and some who stay at home. They were gathered in the high-ceilinged living room of a rambling house in Flatbush, at the monthly meeting of their reading group. At the request of The New York Times, each of the eight women had read one of four recent books about the quandary of working mothers as a jumping-off point for a discussion of their own conflicted lives.

Among them, these readers tried: "Not Guilty: The Good News About Working Mothers" by Betty Holcombe (Scribner), "When Mothers Work" by Joan Peters (Addison Wesley), "A Mother's Place" by Susan Chira (HarperCollins) and "When Work Doesn't Work Anymore" by Elizabeth Perle McKenna (Delacorte).

The women were unanimous in saying that they found the books dull, tedious and largely irrelevant to lives in which the decisions they make are more often idiosyncratic than ideological.



Clockwise from left: Mary Crouthers, Betsy Laganis, Zane Treimanis, Doris Grady, Ellen Winner and Nancy Russell.

While the books did not delight — one woman said guiltily that she read hers in a single gulp in the hours before the meeting and another said she only "got to page 122" — they did spur hours of animated conversation. On a muggy evening, with the fans in Coco Wilde's home doing little but pushing around the heavy air, the eight women talked from 8 P.M. past midnight and at the end had not yet exhausted what for them is an all-consuming subject.

ONLY two of the women seemed free of ambivalence. Ms. Wilde, 41, the mother of one child, 5-year-old Vanessa, feels compelled to be at home; Ellen Winner, 52, a lawyer who had two children in her mid-40's, feels compelled to work. Were the two not friends, each would doubtless feel that the other was judging her harshly. Instead, they can say to each other, "I can't imagine being you," and it does not feel like a rebuke.

They did just that at the reading group. "Your life is scary to me," Ms. Winner said to her friend. "I don't know how you do it."

She characterized herself as someone who would wither without her profession. "I would be a terrible person if I didn't work," she said, adding with no shame that she could not abide spending her time playing video games with her sons, Samuel, 10, and Joel, 13.

"I want my kids to be happy and comfortable," she added. "But a competent woman putting all her energies into a 10-year-old? I can't see it." She turned to Ms. Wilde. "Do you think I'm rejecting your choices?" she asked.

No, Ms. Wilde said. But, determined not to miss a minute of her daughter's childhood, she feels no need to apologize for her life and has no plans to return to teaching. Unlike some of the other women, she said she was never lonely or bored. Indeed, she called the time she was spending at home her "eternity leave."

"I feel so free," she said. "That's the word I'd use to describe myself." Yet Ms. Wilde feels the opprobrium of professional women when she meets them at parties with her husband, a lawyer. "I can see their eyes glaze over," she said. "It's like they feel we're slackers. They say things like, 'What do you do all day?' I feel dismissed, and I resent that. These women have done what's right for them. But I'd be nuts to do the same thing, because my soul belongs with my daughter."

Even in casual conversation among friends, there can be tense moments. Referring to an anecdote in Ms. Holcombe's book, Zane Treimanis, a teacher and sculptor, used the phrase "sitting at home" to describe the nonworking women whose labors made possible their husbands' unobstructed advancement.

"Sitting at home?" Ms. Wilde asked, her voice italicizing the

phrase. Their eyes met, and Ms. Treimanis dipped her head in mute apology.

The women's conversation was especially enlightening because of the diversity of the group, which includes both black and white women, some with graduate degrees and others with only high school diplomas. They range in age from 41 to 56 and among them have 23 children, from 5 to 37 years old. Nancy Russell, with six children from two marriages, has the largest family; Ms. Wilde, with a single child, has the smallest.

Two of the women are full-time mothers, four work at home or have tailored their jobs to their children's schedules and two work in offices in relatively inflexible 9-to-5 situations.

Most of the women feel pulled in both directions, often wishing that they were home when they are working or working when they are home.

Their methods of balancing work and family are as varied as their résumés, but all have given up something, at home or at the office, to keep from tumbling off the tightrope of their lives. Ms. Winner left a litigation firm to open a solo legal practice with a less stressful caseload, largely in trusts and estates. Robin Factor, a mother of three, moved her career in publishing from the canyons of Manhattan to a home office.

Ms. Laganis has switched, many times over, from being a stay-at-home mom to working schedules of anywhere from two to five days a week. These days, she is a freelance consultant to the same city agencies for which she once worked full-time, and for nonprofit organizations, too. When she is working, she misses seeing her children's Halloween trick-or-treating or having the time for her own piano lessons, afternoon movies and leisurely visits with friends. When at home, she misses the intellectual stimulation of the office and the chemistry of men and women working side by side.

Women who work outside the home and those who don't can often offend each other inadvertently. Noting the veiled — and not so veiled — divisions among women, Ms. Factor said that during one of her maternity leaves: "I used to get glares in the supermarket after 8 o'clock. It was like, 'What are you doing here now clogging up the line when you have all day to shop?'"

The working mothers, in different ways, also feel judged. They are angered by a television commercial for AT&T cellular service in which a small child says that she wishes she were "an important client" so her mother would spend time with her. They quake at recent court decisions giving custody to fathers because divorced mothers had demanding jobs.

The two African-American women in the group, Ms. Wilde and Mary Crouthers, have a vastly different perspective on working women. When they were growing up — Ms. Wilde in Philadelphia, Ms. Crouthers

in Brooklyn — their mothers had jobs, as did their aunts, neighbors and other women they knew.

When she hears women wax eloquent about careers, Ms. Wilde said, she feels like she comes "from a completely different America," one where work is not about satisfaction or identity but about buying food. And for their mothers, the rise of feminism in the 1970's was a subject of ridicule.

"They thought white women had gone completely crazy," Ms. Wilde said, gesturing dismissively at the books scattered on the coffee table and discarded on the rug.

THE working women in the group all said their incomes were essential to their families' well-being; except for Ms. Winner, all said they worked in equal measure because they wanted to and because they had to.

"I hardly know anyone who has the luxury of staying home," Ms. Factor said, irritated that the books seemed to dismiss in a few paragraphs the plight of working-class women.

But Ms. Wilde and Doris Grady, 51 and a mother of two who was educated through high school, challenged their friends' definition of how much money a family needed. Ms. Wilde said that if her husband were a television repairman instead of a lawyer, she would scale down her life style so that she could still be at home. Ms. Grady said that if a family were willing to spend summer weekends in the backyard instead of the Hamptons, it could manage on one salary, as hers does on that of her husband, a bank branch manager.

"People are running, running, running," said Ms. Grady, who conceded that she might find work more appealing if she had better career prospects. "But I'm not dying for money, so what's the point?"

For Ms. Treimanis, a shy woman with a whispery voice that her friends strained to hear, an important issue is not her family's life style but her own sense of independence. "When I'm working and I have money, I feel like I have power," she said. It isn't that her husband grills her about her spending when she does not have a job; it's her delight in knowing, when she works, that he has no grounds for inquiring.

"I don't have to ask my husband," she said. "I can buy what I want, go where I want."

The working women in the group had found differing levels of support from their employers.

Ms. Crouthers, sitting straight-backed in a wing chair, told a heart-warming story about a former boss, at a Woolworth's store where she had worked as a cashier while her children were small. At the time, her son was in school half-days, and her male supervisor allowed her to bring the boy to the store in the afternoon, where he entertained himself in the toy department or at the soda fountain.

Ms. Laganis, from her relaxed pose on the floor, commented that every boss in her working life had helped her create a manageable schedule even if it was not congruent with policy.

Ms. Factor, by contrast, described a female boss at a publishing house who would make no adjustments to her schedule, even small ones like letting her come in an hour later and adding the time at the end of the day. When one of her children was sick, Ms. Factor said, she always lied and said she was ill in order to be able to stay home.

It was inflexibility like this that prompted Ms. Factor to begin her own home-based work in publishing.

And Ms. Winner said it was her experience trying to cram a full week's work into a four-day week at her old job — "a bad deal," she termed it — that led her to set up her own law practice.

Pacing with pent-up energy, she said she struggles with her lost dreams.

"I'm never going to be on the 50-most-important-lawyers list," Ms. Winner told her friends. "And it's hard to unhook from that. I still find it very disappointing that this is my life."

There was more uniformity in the women's experiences with spouses. All but one said that while their husbands expressed willingness to help with the children and the house, the men rarely lifted a finger unless they were specifically asked and given detailed instructions about the task at hand. The husbands were also philosophically in favor of men and women alternating primary responsibility for child care, yet none offered to shift to part-time work.

It is realities like these, the group agreed, that seem to be persuading more young women these days that having it all is a myth. It grieves them to hear nieces, for instance, saying they must choose a career or children and not dare to have both.

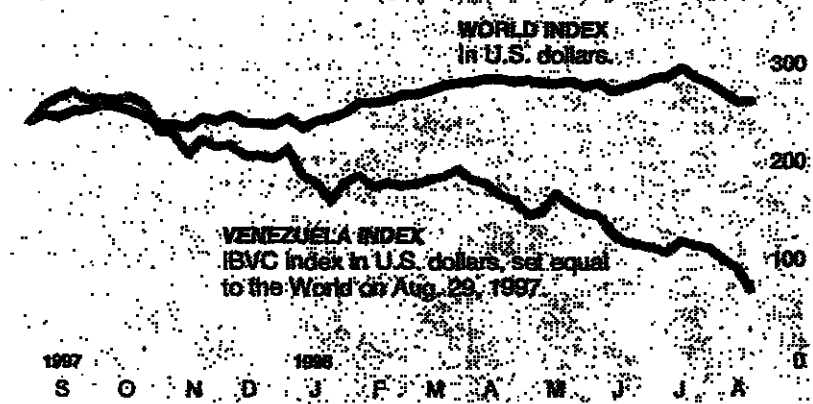
"We're the second generation of women juggling like this," Ms. Factor said. "I'd like to see people attacking this on a policy level."

By now the women were sounding much like the books they had dismissed as boring — highlighting the same conflicts, asking the same frustrated questions. "They don't do this to fathers, do they?" said Ms. Grady, peevish that women are asked to choose between career and family when men, it often seems, are not.

Midnight had come and gone, and the coffee table was littered with the wine glasses and empty plates. The women were left neither here nor there, exhilarated by the conversation but depressed by the conclusions.

"If you listen to what everybody wants from us," Ms. Factor said, "you come away thinking that you should be a successful professional who is home with your family."

WORLD STOCK MARKETS



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PERFORMANCE		IN U.S. DOLLARS				IN LOCAL CURRENCY			
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Index	Week % Chg.	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank
Australia	176.63	0.3	8	-11.7	16	3.69	202.11	-1.1	
Austria	200.61	-0.1	27	6.1	12	1.80	187.85	6.4	
Belgium	368.55	-1.1	15	44.8	2	2.03	337.72	45.2	
Brazil	184.19	-12.3	30	-31.1	21	3.25	355.11	27.5	
Britain	348.68	0.7	7	5.1	13	3.14	316.84	6.0	
Canada	192.73	-0.4	12	-9.3	15	1.90	214.48	-2.6	
Denmark	482.71	-0.6	13	3.4	14	1.50	432.18	3.7	
Finland	425.33	-2.6	19	52.7	1	1.88	488.98	53.6	
France	302.48	-1.8	18	26.4	5	2.20	286.64	26.9	
Germany	287.94	-5.2	25	16.8	8	1.27	251.05	17.1	
Hong Kong	220.14	3.7	1	-38.3	23	7.08	219.04	-38.3	
Indonesia	31.20	3.2	2	-62.8	28	3.02	223.97	0.6	
Ireland	476.90	-1.3	16	18.8	6	1.95	483.15	21.7	
Italy	160.22	-2.7	20	38.2	3	1.38	212.77	37.0	
Japan	84.02	1.0	6	-11.5	17	1.02	77.14	-1.5	
Malaysia	62.79	0.2	9	-48.6	27	4.67	134.73	-45.3	
Mexico	1,016.24	-9.0	28	-43.6	24	2.53	1,083.24	-32.2	
Netherlands	479.95	-0.2	11	17.1	7	2.01	445.19	17.4	
New Zealand	56.06	0.2	10	-26.6	19	5.01	60.53	-13.4	
Norway	238.02	-9.4	29	-25.5	18	2.50	250.04	-21.8	
Philippines	55.24	2.4	3	-30.4	20	1.43	117.98	-25.2	
Singapore	121.00	-4.2	23	-46.3	25	3.06	98.53	-43.6	
South Africa	174.08	-4.8	24	-34.4	22	3.70	242.00	-14.3	
Spain	354.15	-5.5	26	30.3	4	1.86	410.30	30.7	
Sweden	516.35	-1.6	17	10.0	11	1.87	626.30	-13.6	
Switzerland	388.94	-3.5	22	14.1	9	1.15	363.43	17.9	
Thailand	10.10	-0.9	14	-47.6	26	5.78	16.31	-54.8	
United States	442.04	1.5	5	11.5	10	1.47	442.04	11.5	

COMPOSITE INDICES						
Europe	333.41	- 1.8	15.3	2.14	318.77	16.3
Pacific Basin	88.79	1.1	-16.2	1.81	81.74	- 7.2
Europe/Pacific	190.73	- 1.0	4.6	2.06	171.07	8.3
World	271.78	0.2	7.1	1.75	252.77	9.1

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CURRENCIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	144.91	146.35	-0.98	118.25
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7969	1.8014	-0.25	1.8194
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.5415	1.5173	+1.59	1.3918
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6348	1.6192	+0.96	1.6083

Sources: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

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UPS AND DOWNS

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PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market	Up 1.73%
S&P 500 index	1,081.18
Blue chips	Up 1.29%
Dow 30 industrials	8,533.65
Small capitalization	Down 1.78%
Russell 2000 index	395.64

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries	Up 0.69%
Ryan Labs Total Return	226.00
Municipals	Up 0.46%
Bond Buyer index	124.87
Corporates	Up 0.42%
Merrill Lynch Master Index	988.30

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks	Down 1.77%
F.T.-Actuaries Europe	333.41
Asian stocks	Up 1.09%
F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	88.79
Gold	Up 0.21%
New York cash price	\$286.10

Foreign indices are given in dollar terms.

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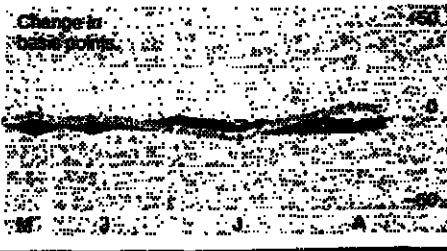
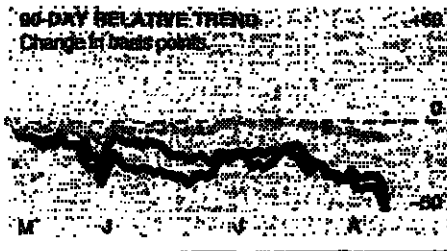
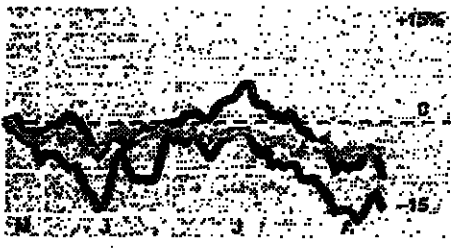
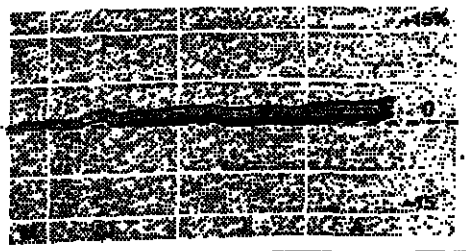
BONDS

Long bonds	5.43%
30-year Treasuries	Down 11 basis pts.
Notes	5.20%
2-year Treasuries	Down 11 basis pts.
Municipals	5.16%
Bond Buyer index	Down 4 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds	5.02%
Taxable average	Up 3 basis pts.
Bank CDs	4.95%
1-year small savers	Up 2 basis pts.
Stocks	1.46%
S&P 500 dividend yield	Down 3 b.p.



Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs; IBC's Money Fund Report; Merrill Lynch; Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs

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The Picture of Bill Clinton

The sight of Bill Clinton striding into the White House in his role as Commander in Chief and the general support for his strike against terrorism remind us of the power inherent in even a wounded Presidency. It also reminds us, in the case of this particular Presidency, of its missing parts and of what might have been. The nation's immediate feelings about Mr. Clinton can be judged by the wide gaps between poll questions about his performance and those about his character. But now, if these last days of summer allow a breather for the President and the public, there may be time for deeper ruminations on the issues of trust and privacy in American politics.

The polls indicate that more Americans trust Monica Lewinsky's word than Mr. Clinton's. Yet no one who voted for him — or endorsed him as this page did — had any illusions about his personal history. Indeed, everyone assumed that the public "blatant eruptions" were just part of a much gamier story. Why then should Mr. Clinton be blamed for a failing that was known in advance and is shared by millions of citizens? The answer, we suggest, is the American people expect a measure of self-discipline and dignity from Presidents while in office. The Clintons' performance on "60 Minutes" in 1992 certainly encouraged voters to believe that he would carve out a window of discretion for the Presidential portion of his life. Even his most tolerant supporters would not have expected reckless behavior in the Oval Office. The plain fact, then, is that the standards of trust that Mr. Clinton had to meet were not set particularly high, but he managed through persistence to violate them.

Does it follow that by dishonoring himself, Mr. Clinton has harmed trust in the Presidency? Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan, in their very different ways, demonstrated that not even the grander failures of Richard Nixon had permanently damaged American respect for the office. Equally exaggerated are the speculations that the already lim-

ited privacy rights of the Presidency have been ripped apart. It was, after all, Mr. Clinton who opened the door to his world, through attacks on former lovers, through the use of private detectives and through refusal to make a pragmatic settlement in the Paula Jones case. Ironically, the "zone of privacy" envisioned by Hillary Rodham Clinton may actually be enlarged for future Presidents, simply because viewing her husband's private life has been as jarring to adult eyes as getting a glimpse of the mess in an adolescent's room.

Mr. Clinton's defenders keep arguing for a suspension of judgment about his personal failings on the grounds that the Presidency is being damaged as an institution by the powers of independent counsels and by the erosion of executive privilege. This White House's advancing of specious claims of executive and lawyer-client privilege has resulted in court rulings that some regard as constricting for future chief executives. Between them, Kenneth Starr and Attorney General Janet Reno have created terrible publicity for the Independent Counsel Act, putting Congress in the mood to dump it. The role of Congress is a key point. Any problems with privilege or independent counsels can be fixed by legislation and need not live on as a permanent memorial to the Clinton Presidency.

So what will Mr. Clinton's memorial be? Part of it will be the dizzying week in which he became the first President to have to appear before a grand jury and then, at his political nadir, launched a bold military strike. His decisiveness illustrated how quickly a President can rewrite the lead on one day's news story. The event is also a reminder that fate and fortune may not be through with this President. But if he goes into history on the current basis, the picture of Mr. Clinton emerging from Marine One and moving with martial tread across the South Lawn will always be a sad one. For it will remind us not of how much was accomplished by Bill Clinton, but of how much was missing within him.

Managing Flood Waters in China

This summer's floods on the Yangtze River in central China and the Songhua River in northeastern China have already left nearly 14 million people homeless, indirectly affected 240 million more and damaged more than 50 million acres of land. The flood season is not yet over, but the death toll, estimated at 2,000 by Chinese authorities, shows that flood management has improved since the 1954 floods that claimed 30,000 lives. In the past four decades, the Government has built extensive dike systems and created emergency overflow areas to divert water from densely populated urban centers.

There is now growing concern that maintenance of these flood management systems, particularly in the Yangtze region, may be neglected as the Government pours billions of dollars into the ill-conceived Three Gorges Dam. When completed in 2009, the dam will create a lake nearly 400 miles long, displace 1.2 million people and inundate important archaeological sites. Chinese authorities have long cited flood control on the Yangtze as a primary justification for the project. The latest floods, they say, prove the need for the dam. But analysts with the International Rivers Network, a conservation group, argue that much of the flooding has taken place in the lower reaches of the Yangtze, fed by

tributaries whose waters would not be controlled by the Three Gorges project.

In fact, the presence of the dam might actually result in worse flooding disasters in the future. By creating a false sense of security, the dam could attract more development to flood-prone areas and lead to reduced investment in downstream dikes. If the dam failed to control a large flood, the fatalities and economic loss could be worse than if it had not been built.

After the Mississippi floods in 1993, the United States Government rethought its flood-management strategies. Hydrologists and geologists now consider large dams only marginally useful in flood control because the reservoirs are typically kept high for power generation, with only limited capacity to accommodate surging flood waters. Instead, many argue that restricting development on flood-susceptible land, carving out more overflow areas for flood waters and making buildings flood-resistant are smarter ways to protect lives and property.

The Chinese have been battling floods on the Yangtze for centuries. A single mammoth dam would probably not have averted the recent disaster. But its construction could siphon resources from more effective flood management strategies.

Editorial Observer/TINA ROSENBERG

From Chivalry to the Nuremberg Principles

Agincourt's most famous chronicler has insured that the battle will be forever known for Henry V's oration to his far-outnumbered forces. In "Henry V," the speech Shakespeare writes for King Henry is a masterful call to honor and duty. What is less remembered is that after defeating the French, Henry grew fearful the enemy was resuming attack. "Then every soldier kill his prisoners," Henry orders in the play. In real life his knights hesitated and Henry called on archers to carry out an act then, as now, considered a violation of the laws of war.

Today the world has the Geneva Conventions and the Nuremberg principles. Henry's 15th century had the rules of chivalry. A new book, "Bloody Constraint: War and Chivalry in Shakespeare" by Theodore Merton, a law professor at New York University, calls Shakespeare a defender of a system that underpins international and humanitarian law today. The rules of chivalry survive, practically intact, in the Geneva Conventions and the code of the officer and gentleman. Shakespeare, according to Mr. Merton, tried to preserve the norms of medieval chivalry even as they slipped away in the Renaissance during which he wrote. Mr. Merton argues that modern efforts to deter and punish war crimes

Shakespeare's plea for the medieval laws of war.

need help from a code of honor that is not imposed on warriors, but arises from them.

Characters in Shakespeare's histories agonize over the requirements of a just war, the responsibility of a leader for his troops' abuses, the granting of mercy, the keeping of oaths and the treatment of prisoners, women and the dead. Mr. Merton shows that in play after play, Shakespeare writes disapprovingly of characters who violate chivalric norms and wage unjust wars.

The great exception is Henry V, a heroic character despite his shocking order at Agincourt and his threats to the citizens of Harfleur to surrender or see his soldiers "mowing like grass your fresh fair virgins and your flow'ring infants." Shakespeare's lenient treatment of Henry V's crimes and the unusual nationalism of the play may have had to do with the jingoistic climate in which he wrote, as England mobilized for a brutal campaign against the Irish. The rules of chivalry arose to ben-

efit the warring class, allowing the loser in hand-to-hand combat to receive mercy and the winner ransom. They enforced the romantic ideal of the loyal, courageous knight. They were largely unwritten, although Henry V set down some laws prohibiting warriors from raping women and harming people or property belonging to the Church. There were even chivalric courts, and a French knight could sue an English knight in English chivalric court for nonpayment of ransom and win. The more efficient enforcement, however, was knightly fear of disgrace.

The rules were generally followed in knight-to-knight combat, but did not necessarily apply to commoners, who saw no mercy when knights chose not to grant it. They also held only in Christendom. Wars against those considered infidels were free-for-alls. The religious wars that split Europe after the Protestant Reformation were particularly brutal. Hence chivalry's decline by Shakespeare's time. It also fell because of technology, as muskets and arrows depersonalized combat.

The book concerns itself more with analyzing Shakespeare than with questions of what the modern age can learn from chivalry about preventing war crimes, but Mr. Merton points out the effectiveness of a code

of behavior cherished — if not always honored — by the knights themselves. But such a culture of honor in combat is unrealistic in the modern world. Chivalry was invented by warriors to safeguard themselves. Today's laws of war recognize that peasant as well as nobleman, infidel as well as Christian, deserves protection. Technology has gone far beyond the musket in depersonalizing war, now often fought against enemies half a world away and easier to demonize with each mile. Some of the most brutal recent conflicts, however, have been fought not with missiles but hoes, machetes or pistols, as neighbor killed neighbor in Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia. Honor is lost in wars that attempt to wipe out a whole category of civilians, whether it is Tutsis or Muslims or class enemies.

The only way chivalric rules appeal to the self-interest of warriors today is that widespread abuses tend to create more enemies — see Kosovo for the latest example. Yet leaders will continue to commit war crimes when they find advantage in it. "For when lenity and cruelty play for a kingdom, the gentler gamester is the soonest winner," Shakespeare's Henry V told his troops. One act later, he ordered his men to kill their prisoners at Agincourt.

Too Many Independent Counsels

To the Editor:

The last thing this country needs right now is another independent counsel (editorial, Aug. 20). In fact, the Whitewater-Lewinsky matter may be a perfect example of the manner in which Congress already manages to obfuscate its legitimate responsibility by failing to directly address issues that would seem to indicate inappropriate conduct on the part of the executive branch.

Notwithstanding the political nuances involved in understanding the differences between hard and soft campaign financing, perhaps the impending expiration of the independent counsel law itself will provide Federal litigators an opportunity to do what Congress is prescribed to do best: adopt legislation that prevents both branches of government from engaging in the protracted abuses that routinely violate the public trust.

W. ANTHONY ASHBY
New York, Aug. 20, 1998

To the Editor:

An Aug. 20 editorial calling for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate possible campaign finance irregularities by the White House in 1996 gets to the point when it suggests that the Republicans may have misused campaign contributions in advertisements for Bob Dole. Unless any investigation looks into possible misuse of money by both parties, the appointment of yet another

independent counsel during President Clinton's terms of office will make it clear that what is going on here is what many people suspect: a partisan effort to topple a Democratic Presidency. It is a telling fact that Republicans in Congress have shown no interest in campaign finance legislation.

NINA TAYLOR
New York, Aug. 20, 1998

To the Editor:

Re "When the Roll Is Called, I Do Not Answer" (Op-Ed, Aug. 17): With all due respect to Larry Pressler, the former Senator, and the advocates of term limits, it would appear that Mr. Pressler was removed from office by the term limits in place since the drafting of the Constitution: the choice of voters either to re-elect or remove officials from office.

I cannot believe that a mandated removal from office, without the analysis of an official's performance, is beneficial. Term limits deflect the public's attention from closer inspection of the real issues: the combination of American voters' apathy, as reflected in low turnout, coupled with an election system that greatly favors the incumbent. Only after voters and their representatives seriously address these issues will the country begin to reap any truly constructive and enduring changes in our election process.

PETER C. FRANZSE
San Francisco, Aug. 18, 1998



Cigarettes Aren't Vital

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 20 editorial on a Federal appeals court ruling that the Food and Drug Administration does not have authority to regulate tobacco or prohibit tobacco sales to children ignores the reason the F.D.A. was created: to protect people from necessary products, like food and pharmaceuticals, that are dangerous. You argue that because cigarettes have been deemed "nicotine-delivery devices," they must be regulated by the agency.

A human body does not require nicotine to survive. Even if it is agreed that cigarettes are nicotine-delivery devices, they are neither necessary nor beneficial to the human body, so the F.D.A. should not have the power to regulate them.

MATTHEW CHAYES
Flushing, Queens, Aug. 21, 1998

Methadone Saves Lives

To the Editor:

There is certainly merit to the characterization of methadone treatment as a substitution of one addiction for another (letters, Aug. 20). However, when it is legally available, methadone reduces crime and permits an addict to live a relatively productive life. The alternative, in the case of heroin, is a totally wasted life of crime and imprisonment.

While I strongly believe in the restoration of personal responsibility in American life, available alternative therapies have a poor record at ending heroin addiction.

Methadone at least protects the rest of us and helps an addict become self-supporting.

ROBERT WEIL
San Diego, Aug. 20, 1998

Eugenics in the U.S.

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 18 news article on China's sterilization laws does not mention the United States' own history when it comes to eugenics.

Not only was there an American Eugenics Society, but the National Socialist party in Germany drew upon the work of American scientists like Dr. William B. Shockley and Dr. Arthur Jensen, who argued for the genetic inferiority of minorities. And Nazi war criminals cited a 1924 Virginia law that legalized the forced sterilization of "socially inadequate persons" in their justification of the forced sterilization of two million Germans.

STEPHANIE OLSON
Las Cruces, N.M., Aug. 20, 1998

Alaska's Fragile Cultures

To the Editor:

An Aug. 18 Science Times article on the physical effects of global warming in Alaska does not mention the effect of climate change on the people living there.

People have lived on the northwestern Alaskan coast for at least 4,000 years. Practices like hunting and gathering and the sharing of food, and the spiritual beliefs surrounding these activities, tie families and communities together.

The western Alaskan coast has already warmed at a rate three to five times the average global rate. This has led to an earlier onset of spring, a reduction in the extent and thickness of sea ice and the influx of species from the south. These changes jeopardize the vital traditions of the people of Alaska.

KALEE KREIDER
Washington, Aug. 20, 1998
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Can U.S. Bombs Police the World?

To the Editor:

An Aug. 21 editorial asserts that "the United States has every right to attack suspected terrorists if there is credible evidence showing that they were involved in attacks against American citizens or were planning such attacks."

No state has the right to exact retribution through an armed attack on another country. Even the Security Council of the United Nations can order an attack only in the interest of restoring peace and security, not to punish. Nor does any country have the right to launch missiles against a country it believes to harbor terrorists.

President Clinton's bald assertion that the strikes were justifiable because the Sudan and Afghanistan have consistently failed to heed United States demands to eject Osama bin Laden and others is extraordinary.

President Clinton and his defenders argue that the "target was terror." I disagree. The real victim was a world in which rules matter and those responsible for acts of violence are brought to justice, not simply killed.

JAMES C. HATTAWAY
Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 21, 1998
The writer is a professor of international law at the University of Michigan.

To the Editor:

I applaud President Clinton's decision to bomb terrorist sites in the Sudan and Afghanistan (front page, Aug. 21). It was necessary and the right thing to do.

It is unfortunate that there will be well-founded suspicions as to the motivation behind the decision. This should serve to illustrate the profound importance of being able to trust the President.

This is not the time to be having questions about the President's intentions when the American people should be able to show a united front in this potentially dangerous situation. We should not be distracted by doubts. Perhaps this will teach us how foolish we were not to consider character an important Presidential quality.

MONIQUE L. HENNINGSON
Kings Park, N.Y., Aug. 21, 1998

To the Editor:

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright's comments after the bombings of the Sudan and Afghanistan notwithstanding, mass destruction of the sort carried out by the United States can have only one consequence in today's tit-for-tat world: an equal or greater measure of violence from the other side. (front page, Aug. 21). If terrorists understand only the language of force — a premise I reject — then it is inevitable that they will respond to our actions with more terror. The answer to the global crisis of terror is nonviolence and the firm and consistent application of international laws.

CARL-DAVID BERMAN
Brooklyn, Aug. 21, 1998

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 21 editorial "Striking Against Terrorism" calls on President Clinton to "dispel any lingering doubts about his motivation" for ordering the attacks on the Sudan and Afghanistan.

The President spent his day explaining military strikes against international terrorist targets. Prosecutors under Kenneth W. Starr's direction spent the day digging for more explicit details of Monica S. Lewinsky's sexual encounters with the President. Who better served the country?

STAN BACHRACK
Los Angeles, Aug. 21, 1998

To the Editor:

Regarding President Clinton's announcement that he had ordered attacks against two foreign countries (front page, Aug. 21), I have a grave problem with his action. He's not the first to attack other countries arbitrarily; both the Republicans who preceded him did the same. It's time for public debate on what has become a Presidential habit of insulting other countries without our representatives in Congress having a say.

The semantic defense is that he and they didn't declare "war." The rebuttal is that in effect each of them started a war situation. At the very least the President should be required to have a private and secret session with Congress for its approval before attacking any other country. And bringing Congress in on this decision would have headed off the criticism heard about this action's being an expensive distraction from the President's romantic affairs.

JOHN P. TIERNAN
Bedford, N.Y., Aug. 21, 1998

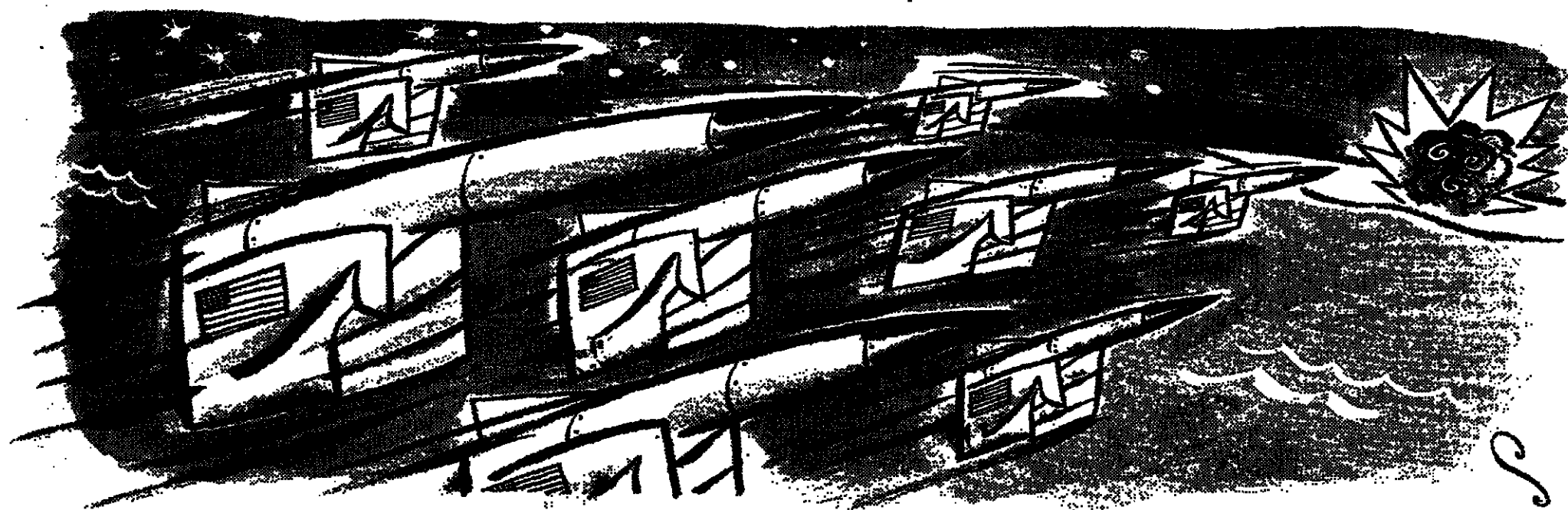
To the Editor:

Partisans like Senator Dan Coats should be careful of confusing cause and effect.

While they suggest that President Clinton may have ordered retaliation for the embassy bombings in order to deflect attention from his scandal (front page, Aug. 21), it is equally possible that enemies of the United States have been hoping that the scandal would divert attention from their plots.

Terrorists read newspapers, too, and Congress would do well to consider this before initiating new attacks on our President. United States citizens, abroad and at home, would be better off with a Government that was not engrossed in tearing itself apart.

CHARLES W. MAGGE
Canberra, Australia, Aug. 21, 1998



In the Company of Terrorists

By Ronald Steel

Few Americans would question the principle that the United States has the right to punish militarily any government that uses armed force against this country or its citizens abroad. No nation with the power to do so would behave differently. But does the United States have the right to bomb sites in countries that are not themselves in open warfare with us, but rather are hosts of America's enemies? Is it permissible to attack the host along with the target?

This is the question raised by the missile strikes carried out Thursday against a suspected terrorist training complex in Afghanistan and a terrorist-linked factory that the Administration said produced important components for making chemical weapons in the Sudan.

Ronald Steel, professor of international relations at the University of Southern California, is the author of "Temptations of a Superpower."

President Clinton declared that the raids were intended to head off further terrorist attacks and to retaliate for the bombing two weeks ago of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, in which 12 Americans and nearly 300 Africans died. Both the targets, it was explained, housed operations controlled by Osama bin Laden, an exiled Saudi millionaire who is believed to run an extensive network dedicated to a "holy war" against both American interests and American citizens.

Mr. bin Laden and other terrorists like him have no compunctions about killing civilians, American or not, in pursuit of their objectives. But the argument that the United States should not have any such standards either is troubling. Should we not abide by a higher standard of law, or morality, than do terrorists? Do we not undermine our own values by punishing the bystanders along with the criminals?

In efforts to deal with lawbreakers there is the danger that innocent civilians may be harmed. For this reason it is particularly important to distinguish between cases where terrorists operate without the knowl-

edge, or even against the wishes, of a government, and those cases where terrorists receive approval, support and sustenance from a government.

To be sure, there is a distinction between state terrorism and group terrorism. They are not always the same thing. Groups of terrorists operate even within the United States, although obviously not with Government approval.

Yet there are states that, even while not carrying out terrorism themselves, condone it, and even offer refuge to those who conduct it. Just as an individual who harbors a criminal exposes himself to danger from those seeking to capture or punish that criminal, so does a state that willingly harbors terrorists.

Afghanistan and the Sudan are such states. Their governments are controlled by Islamic fundamentalists intent on expelling American influence from the Muslim world. They cannot offer their hospitality and resources to those at war with the United States and then claim that they are merely innocent bystanders when Americans try to protect themselves against those who have declared war against them.

Most governments don't support

terrorists because they undermine that government's authority and its monopoly of power. But some find such groups useful in attaining their own objectives while avoiding responsibility for the terrorists' actions.

The United States Government cannot allow countries that offer hos-

Afghanistan and the Sudan can't claim to be bystanders.

pitality to terrorists to be immune to the consequences of their actions.

It is extremely difficult, perhaps impossible, for the United States to punish these terrorists. The authorities in Kabul and Khartoum, however, can find them quite easily. With sufficient incentive, either by the carrot or the stick, they can be persuaded to withdraw their support

and force these foreign terrorists to leave.

Terrorist groups on the scale of Mr. bin Laden's cannot operate without the cooperation of their sympathetic hosts. This is not to say that we should, in effect, declare war on governments like those in Afghanistan and the Sudan that help terrorists, although they clearly have to be treated as hostile. But we can make the cost of their sympathy and support very high.

Mr. bin Laden and his followers want to punish the United States because as the world's most powerful state it promotes values and upholds governments they detest. They use terrorism because it is the strongest weapon they have. They are ruthless in their choice of targets and in their willingness to sacrifice civilians in pursuit of their objectives.

Governments that harbor and protect them, like those of Afghanistan and the Sudan, are not merely hosts but willing accomplices. They cannot claim innocence for actions they help make possible. Do they find our bombing of their murderous guests intolerable? Then let them expel Mr. bin Laden and his followers.

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Monica Gets Her Man

WASHINGTON

It's not easy being in love with a President.

There are so many distractions. Whenever you want a little quality time, he's got some world crisis to handle.

I remember reading an interview with Judith Exner, where she talked about how lonely it was dating J.F.K. Whenever she wanted him to focus on her, he was focusing on Castro.

Cuba, Cuba, Cuba! That's all he cared about.

So I felt for Monica Lewinsky when she appeared before the grand jury on Thursday — still pining for some attention from her ex-boyfriend — and he was caught up in macho Commander in Chief stuff.

Sudan, Sudan, Sudan! That's all he cared about. And he wasn't even wearing one of her secret love ties.

The 25-year-old says she is eager to get on with her life. But does she still dream that her life will include an ex-President named Bill?

I just hope she is not over at the Watergate, flipping through designer swatches for the Clinton Presidential Library.

After the President's prime-time confession, the news media were abuzz about whether Mr. Clinton could repair his damaged relationships with his wife and daughter.

Suddenly, *That Woman* stamped her feet. Like the Glenn Close character in "Fatal Attraction," Monica Lewinsky issued a chilling ultimatum to the man who jilted her: *I will not be ignored.*

She let it be known that she was wounded that the President had failed to apologize to her and had dismissed their grand, 18-month romance, their shared passion for books and laughs, as trivial — a mere mechanism for relieving Oval Office tension.

Mr. Clinton rejected a more contrite version of the speech written by Bob Shrum — nicknamed the "Shoot Me" draft at the White House — that contained an apology to "Monica Lewinsky and her family." Instead, with some brass-knuckle guidance from Hillary, he embraced his wife and daughter as "the two people I love most," while swatting Monica away as "inappropriate."

He portrayed himself, insultingly, as a passive participant in their trysts. What she called true love, he called "legally accurate."

Monica got cranky and complained about all the positive press and public sympathy heaped on her rival, Saint Hillary, while she was being portrayed as a vixen.

Together forever and ever.

She had lied to protect her beloved. And she had believed, from hints he had dropped, that there might not be a Hillary in their future.

More in anger than hope, Monica returned to the grand jury and made it clear she was not simply servicing the President. The pleasuring, she insisted, contradicting his account, was mutual. Their relationship was not cheap. It was way unique.

The romance that rocked the White House seems so pathetically adolescent. Him, clinging to some juvenile belief that oral sex is not sex. Her, clinging to some juvenile belief that the President loved her.

It's hard to believe that this "feminist" President didn't see, or chose to overlook, the misogynistic and narcissistic nature of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Before the President finally fessed up, his henchlings had whispered that Monica was a stalker who had fantasized a romance with him.

While she is not a stalker, since Mr. Clinton encouraged her interest for quite some time, she is certainly aggressive. Otherwise, as a mere intern, she could not have barged through all the protective layers around the President. And she was, according to the Tripp tapes, desperate to continue the relationship after the President had slithered away. *I will not be ignored.*

Monica has at least one special talent: she is relentless. It was the quality that got her noticed by Bill Clinton, and it is the quality that will prevent him from ever escaping her.

There is a sort of rough romantic justice here. It may be de trop to punish this President with impeachment or resignation. In his case, the punishment is the crime. Monica will never let him go. She will be center stage for the rest of his Presidency, doing a star turn at Congressional hearings, granting celebrity interviews, signing books and movie deals.

It will not be in the way she envisioned, but she will get to ride off into the sunset with her man after all. Monica Lewinsky is Bill Clinton's legacy. They are linked together forever and ever.

In its own way, it's a perfect ending.

A Chance To Reset Our Moral Course

By Stephen L. Carter

So what should Bill Clinton do? Everyone now knows that he had an intimate relationship with a 21-year-old White House intern and spent seven months lying about it — to the public, to his family and to investigators. His Presidency is so hobbled that when United States armed forces attacked terrorist targets in Afghanistan and the Sudan on Thursday, many Americans wondered whether the President just wanted to distract the public from the scandal. Commentators, not all of them on the right, are talking of impeachment or resignation.

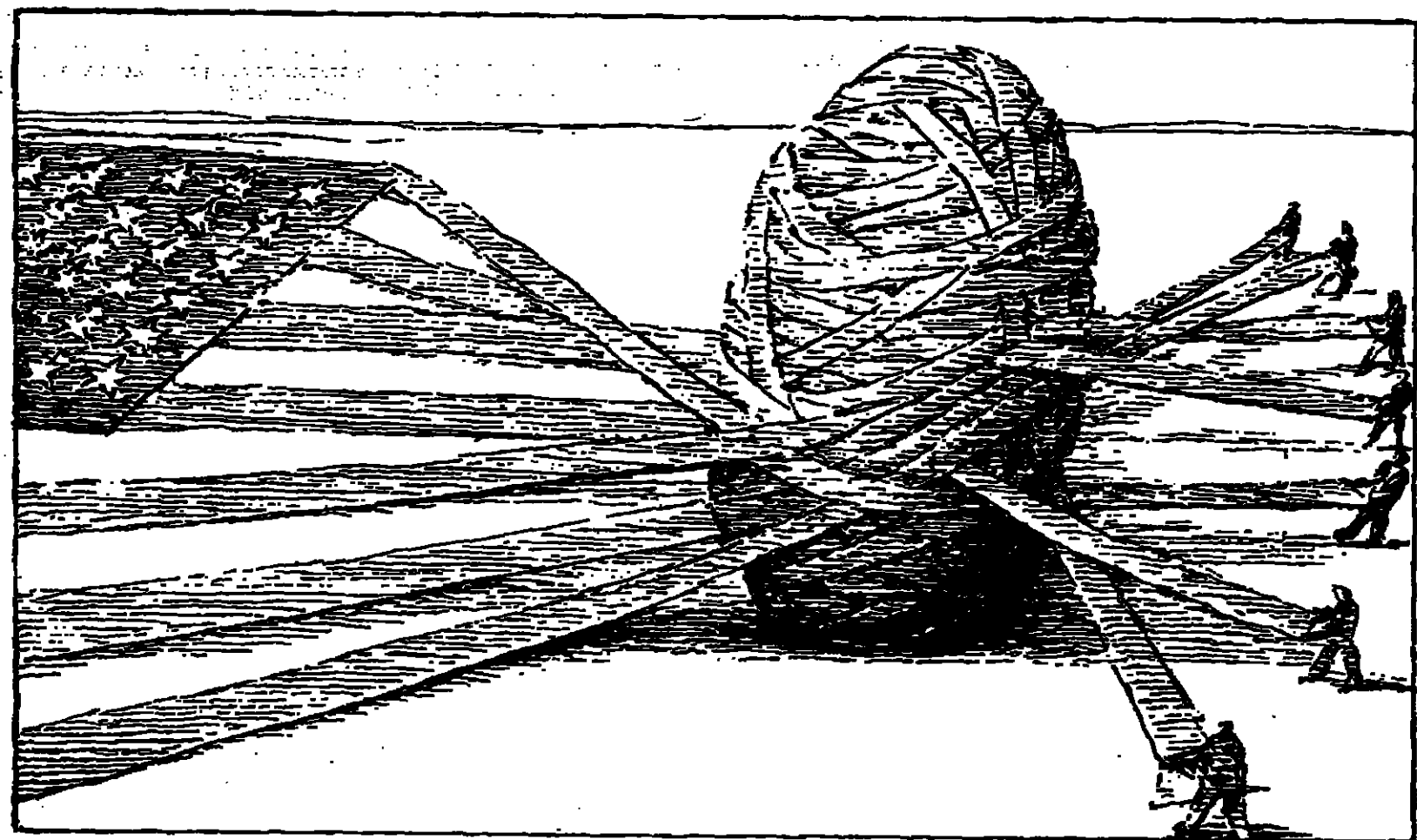
Yet throwing in the towel or toughing it out are not the President's only choices. It may be that the Monica Lewinsky scandal presents Mr. Clinton with two much-needed opportunities: the opportunity to finally change his own life and the opportunity to help the nation regain its moral bearings.

In the current uneasy moment there is a chance for genuine moral rejuvenation, which the nation desperately needs. And President Clinton can help lead that process, although he will first have to convince the public of his determination to turn over a new leaf. True repentance begins with a forthright and nondefensive admission of wrongdoing.

The President and his defenders continue to argue that his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky is a private matter. But this notion is morally sloppy.

Although the people most harmed by President Clinton's conduct are surely his wife, his daughter and (lest we forget) Ms. Lewinsky herself, adultery is private only in the limited sense that it should not be against the law. It is wrong for prosecutors, even special prosecutors, to spend public resources trying to ferret it out.

But once adultery becomes publicly known — by whatever means, fair or foul — it is too late to raise the privacy argument. Adultery rips at the fundamental fabric of marriage itself and thus is ultimately a public wrong. This does not mean that adultery is unforgivable — any more than



lying itself is unforgivable. But when the President's defenders announce that the American people are prepared to forgive him, they are stating only a possible truth, not a settled fact.

The question is whether President Clinton is prepared in his heart to be forgiven. The President, as an evangelical Christian, surely understands that the premise of forgiveness is true repentance.

Apology and acceptance of responsibility (the two matters that have obsessed the news media in recent days) are only a part of what is required. True repentance is not a public relations strategy. True repentance requires a determination to turn and walk the path of good.

What would count as evidence of true repentance? For one thing, Mr. Clinton must abandon his habit of resorting to legalism and obfuscation. Far better, if Mr. Clinton wishes to set a moral example, would be a magnanimous confession of this weakness and an explicit promise to do right. Second, the President owes concrete apologies, not only to his family, but to the many surrogates he sent forth to defend him, to Ms. Lewinsky and to the American people as well. Third, Mr. Clinton and his supporters must put an end to the lashing out, as though others are to blame for this humiliation.

This may seem a hard standard, especially when so many other characters in this drama have also behaved in ways that are immoral. Linda Tripp, for example, pretended to be a friend who would keep Ms. Lewinsky's confidences, but she was

not. In short, she lied.

And Kenneth Starr himself might have behaved in a more honorable fashion had he not let his zealous pursuit of President Clinton outstrip his sense of decency. I suspect that most prosecutors, faced with evidence that a married man lied under oath to cover up an affair, would respond: "Call the National Enquirer. This is not the kind of work I do."

Indeed we, the people of the United States, have not acquitted ourselves

Bill Clinton isn't the only one who needs to repent.

admirably in the contretemps. If the polls are correct, we do not really care very much whether the President lies to us as long as we are otherwise happy with his performance. This alarming display of cynicism teaches our children that what matters most is not right or wrong but simply getting what we want.

President Clinton, in his handling of the current scandal, has tended to reinforce rather than challenge this dangerous cultural trend.

This does not mean that Mr. Clinton should resign, despite the steady drumbeat to that effect by many politicians and editorial writers. Unless Mr. Starr's report contains con-

vincing evidence of other serious misconduct, Mr. Clinton may be able to serve out his term with dignity. But he must exercise genuine moral leadership. His address to the nation on Monday night, conveying only the merest hint of contrition, did not come close.

True, most of our Presidents have been morally tarnished in one way or another, and many have committed adultery or lied to the nation or both. But Bill Clinton is the President under today's rules, when what was once left unreported is now fair game. And it is his own recklessness, not an unfair standard, that has produced the current crisis.

It may be, as many pundits have complained, that we have lost our national capacity for moral outrage — at least as long as the economy is humming along. Even if the current scandal had never arisen, our moral sense has been corroded by the steady drip-drip-drip of everyday lying and cheating.

Still, the President's predicament might be a godsend. It may be heaven-sent for Mr. Clinton himself because sometimes getting caught is the only way to learn the lesson. He will never have a better opportunity to seek the spiritual solace of true repentance. It may also be heaven-sent for the rest of us because sometimes it takes a rude shock to wake the national conscience, which is, in our post-modern era, not defeated but exhausted.

That conscience needs awakening because our sense of right and wrong is ultimately what makes America a special place. This depressing scan-

dal might represent our best chance at reinvigorating our shared belief in an American moral code — the clear understanding of right and wrong that sparked the civil rights movement and won the cold war. A moral code for which we are prepared to sacrifice our own short-term interests, in exchange for the nation's long-term good. A moral code, in short, that matters.

In its place we have set an ethic of selfishness, in which sacrifice is a dirty word, in which successful leadership is measured only by the rise of the S. & P. 500 and in which the only use of words like right and wrong is for political gain.

We have the chance, finally, to turn our national misfortune to national advantage, to restore the proper balance to our politics — so that the quest for electoral advantage or for a place in history is guided by our moral sense, and not the other way around. The challenge for President Clinton is whether he possesses the moral courage to lead us there.

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THE ARTS

They're Dotty, Determined and Excessively Fond of Il Duce

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

WHY shouldn't Mussolini have an empire?" asks Lady Hester Random, an imperious British expatriate played by Maggie Smith in a new Franco Zeffirelli film. "All the best people in Europe have empires."

The British upper class's passion for Italy has been invincible, even at the time of World War II. There were 18,000 British people living in Florence when the war broke out, and hundreds of them, convinced that their Englishness — and their admiration for Il Duce and Fascism — would shield them forever, stubbornly stayed put as the Tuscan landscape darkened.

"Tea With Mussolini," which is being directed by Mr. Zeffirelli this summer in Rome and Florence for release next year, is based on his memories of wartime and the years just before, when he was an illegitimate, motherless young Florentine.

It's a homage to a group of eccentric English ladies who essentially adopted him, and who tried to preserve their own civility and Florence's treasures as war closed in around them. Art-mad, dotty, deluded, these genteel Englishwomen, whom he called the "scorpioni" for their stinging wit, were as much a part of his childhood in the city as Dante, Botticelli and the Duomo.

"The story of these old ladies is something I've been wanting to do all my life," Mr. Zeffirelli, 75, said here the other day as he busied around a basement warehouse that had been made up to look like an internment camp in which the women ended up being confined after Italy entered the war. He first began thinking of building a movie around them in the 1950's, but he didn't really get back to the idea until he wrote about them in his 1986 autobiography. "Even those who lived in Florence forever never learned Italian; they lived in their own world. We would shout 'Guarda gli Inglesi!' as they strolled downtown under their parasols."

The film, which has five strong parts for older actresses, is also Mr.

over 45," she explained. "Franco popped up and said, 'I have a movie and all of you can be in it.'"

Miss Plowright conceded that she and her co-stars had played upper-class English eccentrics before. "I've played a few," she said with a sly smile. "One isn't frightened of it, but one hopes to explore all the possibilities of her."

To spice up the mix in "Tea With Mussolini," Mr. Zeffirelli and his fellow screenwriter, the British novelist John Mortimer, invented two American characters: Georgie, a sardonic

Franco Zeffirelli works with three grande dames of British acting.

lesbian archeologist, played by Lily Tomlin, 58, and Elsa, a rich Jewish art collector and former Ziegfeld girl with a passion for younger men, played by Cher, 52. Not surprisingly, the American women and the British ones despise each other, but the war — and their struggle to survive it — force them together.

"When I read the script, I loved it: I have never played a character who was spoiled rotten before," said Cher during a break from filming. "Most of my characters have been nice, generous or heroic."

Miss Plowright, who received an Academy Award nomination for her performance in "Enchanted April," a 1991 film set in Italy, said she hoped she could prevent audiences from liking her too much. She plays Mary Wallace, a character based on Mary O'Neill, the British woman who was hired by Mr. Zeffirelli's father to teach him English and who instilled in him a love of Shakespeare and the theater. "I shall come off as a nice, good lady, if I'm not careful," she said. "You need a bit of the Devil to be interesting, don't you?"

While the plot centers on the relationship between the women and



Maggie Smith, above left, with Judi Dench and Charlie Lucas in "Tea With Mussolini," which is being filmed in Rome and Florence.

grand Hotel Eden, where the film's other stars were booked. (The hotel's staff was so flustered at having so many titled English guests — Miss Plowright is Lady Olivier, and Miss Smith and Miss Dench are properly addressed as Dame — that the flowers they sent Ms. Tomlin were addressed to Lady Tomlin.)

The English actresses' costumes were designed by Jenny Beavan, who won an Oscar for her work on "A Room With a View," a production that brought Miss Smith and Miss Dench, among others, to Florence in the mid-1980's. Several top fashion designers, including Valentino, were considered to design Cher's more flamboyant 30's look. Eventually, Mr. Zeffirelli settled on Ermanno Daelli, a Florence designer. Even then, Cher hired a professional costume maker to translate the designer's high-fashion vision into costumes workable on a movie set.

Cast and crew members stressed the English stars' craftsmanship. Cher was described as "simpatica." "The English ladies are so experienced, so professional, so talented," said Mr. Zeffirelli. He used the word "adorable" to describe Cher.

"I have problems with American actresses; they tend to complicate issues," explained Mr. Zeffirelli, whose last film was "Jane Eyre" (1996), starring the French actress Charlotte Gainsbourg. "Most don't come from the stage; they don't have the training to focus on what matters. It's a different approach, of agonizing creativity."

He added that he found Cher good-natured and disciplined, but he said: "She is very insecure; she wants to express her talent. It's constructive, but it can be an agonizing process." Cher admitted she was intimidated by Miss Smith, Miss Plowright and Miss Dench. "I'm working with these idols, which keeps me at a disadvantage," she said ruefully. "They have been really, really nice to me, but we don't really know each other. Those three have been together for 30 years; they tell hilarious stories about things that happened 30 years ago."

"It's very difficult to act your part the way you need to when you see them, doing what they do so perfectly."

The film's title derives from a scene Mr. Zeffirelli borrowed from Violet Trefusis, one of Virginia Woolf's Bloomsbury friends, who often boasted of a tête-à-tête with Il Duce. In the movie, Lady Hester

travels to Rome to take tea with Mussolini, and is reassured by his promises of safety — and Earl Grey. "She is someone who is absolutely convinced she is right," Miss Smith explained. "And is horrifyingly wrong."

Miss Smith, who won an Oscar for her performance in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" (1969), has played passionate wrongheadedness before. This time, she mixes it with some of the mad hauteur of Oscar Wilde's Lady Bracknell.

In life as in the film, Miss Smith is a daunting figure. During filming of the opening scene, a ceremony in Florence at the grave of the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning where the English women gather to pay their respects, a Swiss tourist brashly approached Miss Smith between

scenes for an autograph. "Write something personal," he instructed her. She gave him a withering smile and said, "Shall I say, 'See you soon?'"

British understatement was also on vivid display on a scorching hot day in the basement set in suburban Rome. Temperatures were over 110 degrees outside, and the set, despite industrial-sized fans, was about as cool as an incubator. The surrounding streets were too narrow to allow the stars' trailers to park nearby, so Miss Smith, Miss Dench and Miss Plowright sat on folding chairs in wigs, wool suits, period garters and stockings and fur wraps waiting for their scenes.

"The ladies are mad as hornets," one production employee confided in a whisper. But if the actresses were

upset, they never betrayed it. Alongside a small army of elderly extras, mostly British retirees in Rome who were recruited to play inmates in the internment camp, they waited, fanning themselves with paper plates and doing crossword puzzles.

One scene, in which the ladies hear over the radio that the Americans have declared war on the Axis powers after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, required the actresses to convey shock, exhilaration and severe cold. The three British stars put down their crossword puzzles, delivered their lines flawlessly, then quietly resumed their puzzles. "We are three eccentrics," Miss Dench explained. "We laugh a lot, and we complain about the heat, and that is what we are likely to remember when all this is done."



The movie also stars Cher, at right with Franco Zeffirelli, the director.

Zeffirelli's homage to some of the greatest divas he has directed. He is perhaps best known for his 1960's film adaptations of Shakespeare ("The Taming of the Shrew" and "Romeo and Juliet") and, more recently, his lavish opera productions and opera movies, but he began his international career in the English theater. Judi Dench, now 63, played Juliet in a 1981 production of "Romeo and Juliet" that was Mr. Zeffirelli's debut at the Old Vic. And 30 years ago, Miss Smith, 63, and Joan Plowright, 68, alternated in the part of Beatrice in his stage production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

It was while visiting Mr. Zeffirelli at his villa in Positano with her husband, Laurence Olivier, in the late 1980's that Miss Plowright first became involved in the movie. "Maggie and Judy and I kept complaining that there weren't any parts for women

their young protégé — here called Luca and played primarily by Baird Wallace, a 17-year-old American newcomer whose parents are based in Rome (Luca at a younger age is portrayed by Charlie Lucas) — the film also examines the cultural clashes between the upper-class Englishwomen and the less classy Americans. Off the set and on, the production has highlighted the contrast between the world of Hollywood and that of the British stage.

Cher, who won the best-actress Oscar for her performance in "Moonstruck" (1987), was the only principal to arrive in Italy with her own makeup artist, hairdresser and personal secretary. As befits an American movie star, she originally asked to stay in a rented villa but rejected it as inadequate after one night and switched to the Excelsior. Eventually, she moved to the equally



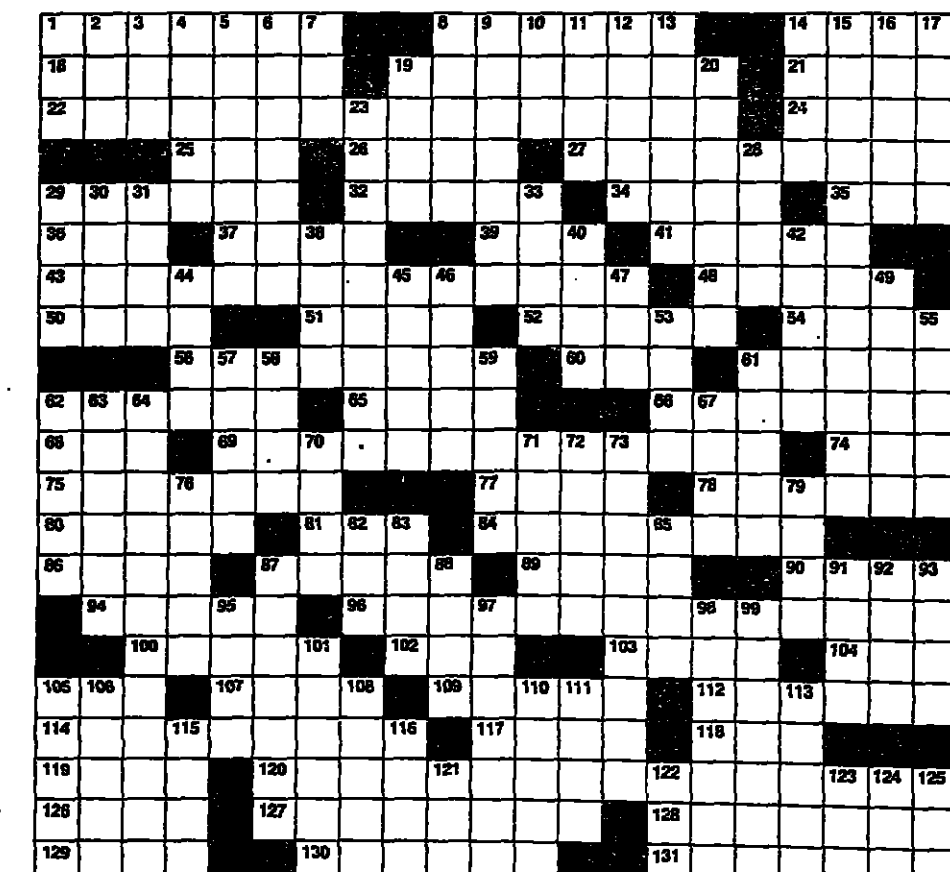
An experienced eccentric: Joan Plowright, center, as a British woman in Italy in "Tea With Mussolini."

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Spreading the Net to nab stolen art

Interpol and the FBI are publishing Rembrandts and Chagalls on their Web sites, painting a \$3 billion picture of heisted works, writes Michael James

The FBI and Interpol have taken an interest in art. In coming months, their Web sites will feature hundreds of pictures of the world's greatest masterpieces — from Degas to Rembrandt to Van Gogh.

And they are all stolen. Interpol calls the new program *Les Oeuvres D'art Les Plus Recherchées* — the Most Wanted Works of Art. Its aim is to use the global reach of the Internet to track down missing paintings, sculptures, etchings, tapestries and any other priceless objects that have disappeared into the shadowy world of international art thievery.

"Our key focus is to get the word out that a piece has been stolen," said Lynne Richardson, an FBI program analyst who coordinates the bureau's National Stolen Art File. "The Internet is going to change the way we do that."

An estimated \$3 billion worth of stolen art works are unaccounted for around the world, according to authorities with the Art Loss Register, a London-based company that keeps a database of more than 100,000 missing pieces.

Thieves have stolen 121 works by Rembrandt, 250 by Chagall, 180 by Dali and 115 by Renoir, according to the register, which is used by police agencies worldwide for clues in art cases. The database is compiled by a private firm funded by art dealers and insurance companies.

The "hottest" works of art often are shipped to other countries for sale, requiring international policing efforts to get them back. The Internet gives authorities the ability to cross borders electronically and put out the word.

Richardson, a former museum registrar at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello homestead whom the FBI hired to guide its art-tracking efforts, started posting pictures of missing art work on the Web in June. She is working closely with Interpol, the international police agency based in France, which also is preparing a Web site containing dozens of notorious art crimes.

"It will be broken down by category, so that if you click on 'sculptures,' you'll see all types of missing sculptures that were stolen," said Interpol Senior Analyst Angela M. Meadows. "The hope is that someone here or in another country may come across the item and recognize it



Picasso's painting "The Spring" was recovered two years after it was snatched from Stockholm's Museum of Modern Art. There are some 350 other stolen Picassos still missing which Interpol hopes to locate with the help of the Net. (AP)

from the picture." It's doubtful that Picasso envisioned today's computer age and the way that the Internet pervades so much of everyday life. But if he were alive today, he would be able to search for stolen masterpieces — including his own.

Authorities estimate there are

Were Picasso alive today, he could sit at his computer and search for his missing masterpieces

more than 350 stolen Picassos throughout the world. Many are lesser works, including etchings the size of a slide of film, but 88 of them are paintings, said Anna Kislik, director of the Art Loss Register office in New York.

Some Picasso pictures will be posted on either the FBI or Interpol Web sites, which are in their fledgling stages. But the two law enforcement agencies have high hopes that the sites will eventually make a dent in the business of art thieves.

The criminals and their crimes are diverse, running the gamut from smash-and-grab robbers at Florida truck stops to heavily-armed masked bandits looting European museums.

ONE of the first cases to be put on the FBI Web page is the biggest art heist in history — a robbery at the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum in Boston on March 18, 1990. Two men dressed as Boston police officers tied up museum guards and hauled off 11 masterpieces worth about \$300 million.

Among the works taken were Vermeer's "The Concert," Rembrandt's "Storm on the Sea of Galilee" and Degas' "Program for an Artistic Soiree." None have been recovered and the intruders, both wearing false black mustaches, have not been arrested.

"All logical leads have been followed through with no positive investigative results," said the FBI Web page entry, which advertises a \$5 million reward for recovery of the works. Each of the stolen paintings can be viewed with a click of a mouse.

Officials familiar with art crime are quick to point out, however, that the bulk of the thefts involve criminals who lack style and sophistication — to put it mildly.

In London, for instance, a petty thief named Russell Grant-McVicar walked into the Lefevre Galleries in March 1997 and asked an employee if a particular painting was a Picasso. When he found it was, he threatened the employee with a sawed-off shotgun, grabbed the painting and ran out to a waiting taxicab.

The painting was the "Tete de Femme," valued at roughly \$1 million. It was recovered and Grant-McVicar was arrested after he left an important clue behind in

the cab — the painting's frame, covered with his fingerprints.

"Most of them are not the Cary Grant To Catch a Thief types," said the FBI's Richardson.

"Most of the thefts are lower level. Very often, the thieves may not even know what they have, or how valuable it is."

"Pictures on a Web site can increase people's awareness of what and what not to buy"

That fact caused some debate about whether the pictures and descriptions of the paintings should be included on the Web sites. Art industry and insurance companies have shied away from publicizing details of the thefts.

"Many times the thief knows that art and antiques have value, but that's all," said Kislik, of the Art Loss Register. "One concern is that we don't want to help them understand what they've got."

But recent thinking is that the pictures of the paintings on the Web are likely to outweigh any negatives, said the Art Loss Register's marketing director, David J. Shillingford.

"These items will start off in the underworld and every time they

change hands, they come one step closer to the legitimate market," Shillingford said. "Each step along the way is another chance for somebody to recognize the item. Pictures on a Web site can increase people's awareness of what and what not to buy."

Stolen art often finds its way back into the public domain, although it sometimes takes decades.

Edouard Manet's 1880 painting "Peaches" was recently recovered 20 years after being stolen in New York City. A Florida art dealer had contacted the Art Loss Register about the painting, worth well over \$200,000, after it had been offered to him for sale. The FBI is still looking for the thief.

Some of the biggest thefts, which seem to have involved extensive planning, seem to offer less hope.

In July 1994, armed men hid in a museum in Frankfurt, Germany, until closing, then tied up the guards and stole \$40 million worth of paintings by English master J.M.W. Turner.

The likelihood of such hugely expensive and well-known paintings turning up at an auction or a dealer's shop is practically nil. So the question becomes, why take them? What could be done with them? What private collector would spend so much money on a painting that he could never show to anyone?

"It's only the thieves who are caught that you know anything about," Kislik said. "The ones who get away with it, you never get to know."

(The Baltimore Sun)

Seedling in the desert

I met Yehuda Shatil when we shared a hospital room. His story sounded interesting: He'd spent his adult life on a desert kibbutz. Sixty years he'd been there, he and his wife Shoshana, detached from the frenetic developments north of the Negev.

I promised some day to visit Ruhama. Three months later, I did. Shoshana was pleased to talk about those six decades, a long, long time for two people to be together, sharing their dream of coaxing life out of the dead desert.

How little time there is nowadays, as we surge toward the future, to remember the unsung nation-builders, the Yehudas and Shoshanas, who dedicated their lives to creating the Ruhamas.

What could he have imagined, when he left the teeming cities for the hopelessness one always feels in a desert? That this distant, forlorn spot would ever

not invade, moving up along the coast instead.

With that, the world finally gave up trying to conquer Ruhama.

Today, you can't see the desert for the trees. A first-time visitor cannot help but gasp at the shock of greenery. Where once there were no birds, lush lawns roll out across the gray-brown sand. If from acorns great oaks grow, such oases arise from seedlings — in Hebrew, *shatil*.

Television may not have been there to record Ruhama's dramatic history, but Yehuda was, and he enjoyed telling the tales to his three children. He loved a good story, the funnier the better.

Saturday nights, Yehuda would concoct a tremendous salad, gather 'em 'round, and keep the laughter going.

Yehuda was slight of stature, but a dynamo. He was magical, charming. He was prickly, but he won everyone over. He was a monumental example to the younger generations of Ruhama:

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Sam Orbaum

How little time there is nowadays, as we surge toward the future, to remember the unsung nation builders, the Yehudas and Shoshanas, who dedicated their lives to creating the Ruhamas

thrive?

He, his young wife, and others like them, did not stop to ponder, to rationalize: They were both starry-eyed and blind. People are not made like them anymore, because there is no need.

The first shovel disturbed the sands here in 1911, and Ruhama became the most southerly Jewish outpost. In 1917, a day before the British invaded Palestine, the Turks invaded.

Beduin laid waste the site. The Jews rebuilt in 1920, the Arabs leveled it during the 1929 riots. The Jews, stubborn as ever, returned in '32, just in time for another wave of Arab riots in '36, which forced the settlers to abandon.

The Jews came back yet again, with chickens, cows and children. Now they came under siege by 2,000 British troops, seeking — but not finding — the great cache of weapons hidden there for the Hagana in 1946. The British, too, ransacked the tents and straw huts of the luckless settlement.

Then came the War of Independence. Strengthened by Holocaust survivors, but weakened by the evacuation of its women and children, Ruhama braced for the expected onslaught of the Egyptian army, which had sliced through the Negev. The Egyptians bombed and strafed the kibbutz, but did

even as an old, old man he continued working, even if it was boring factory work, because he always believed that a Jew should roll up his sleeves and get cracking.

He loved labor, but he loved having a good time too. He could tuck into a fierce debate and walk away exhilarated by the intellectual and ideological highs it gave him. He thirsted for knowledge.

He loved his land, his little Ruhama, his Shoshana, and he devoted himself passionately to all three.

Yehuda lived life hard. He was never still, Shoshana said.

Three months after I met Yehuda, when I called to announce I was coming, Shoshana answered the phone.

"Can I speak to Yehuda, please?" I said.

There was a pause. She asked quietly who I was. I told her: We had shared a room together, we had promised to meet again sometime.

There was another pause. "I'm sorry, Yehuda passed away. Yesterday."

We spoke for a bit. Shoshana suffered a breakdown. Yehuda was the life within her, and he was no more.

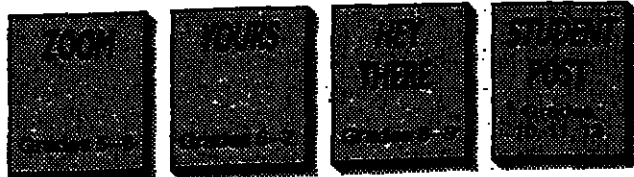
Shoshana is now in hospital, struggling for a reason to stay alive. Here in Ruhama lies Yehuda Shatil, where the grass grows.

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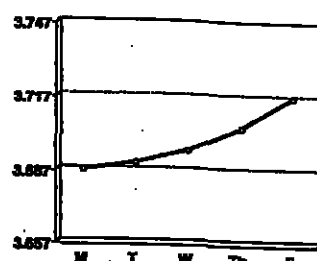
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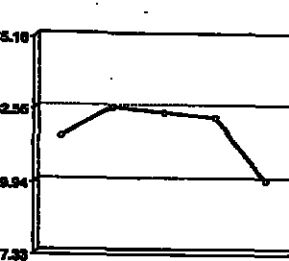
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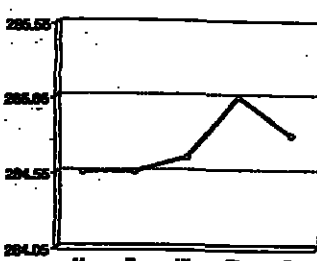


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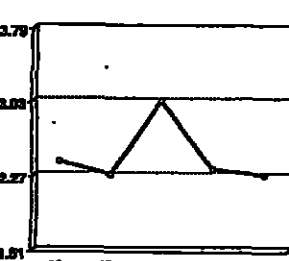
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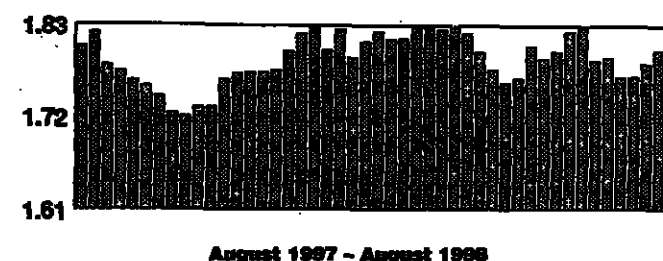


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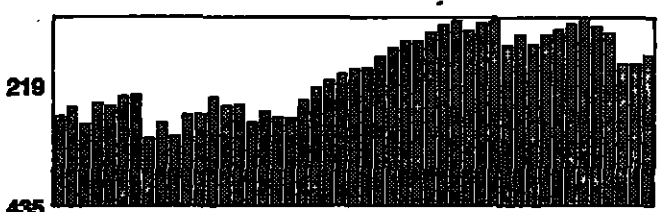


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Frenkel announces Sept. lending rate today

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel will this afternoon announce September's key lending rate.
Government and private economists are suggesting the central bank's rate will not be cut following the surprise announcement of a 1.5 percent reduction earlier this month, which left the leading rate at 9.5%. That cut followed Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's decisions to alter the shekel exchange rate mechanism and to set next year's inflation goal at 4%.
Economists say Frenkel will leave rates unchanged in the wake of renewed concern about the Asian economies, a considerable increase in last month's M1 money supply and the need to keep inflation around its present level in order to meet the government's 4% goal by December 1999.
Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper yesterday made his monthly call for the governor to cut rates to allow for renewed economic growth and job creation. *David Harris*

Municipalities call for reform of basic law

The Union of Local Authorities in Israel (ULAI) is lobbying MKs to push for a reform of the Basic Law: Local Authorities, according to the association's chairman Adi Eldar. The ULAI said it already has the support of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and is now bidding to drum up support in the Knesset.
The reform would include budgetary and management changes in addition to addressing the wider issue of the relationship between central and local government. *David Harris*

Industrialists: Foreign trade insurance needed

The Manufacturers Association called on the government yesterday to set up a \$150 million foreign trade risk insurance fund for short, medium, and long-term commercial and political risk for deals and international projects in light of the economic crises in Russia and the Far East.
Association Foreign Trade Committee chairman Ehud Geller asked the Industry and Trade Ministry and Treasury to set up a special fund to help exporters break into markets in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Latin America and help them compete against firms from other countries that give assistance to their exporters.
Geller said that Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Latin America have great potential for Israeli exporters, but this hasn't been fulfilled due to the high risks of doing business in those areas and limited credit lines.
He said the fund should also cover activities in China, South Korea, Thailand, Africa, and Romania. *Nina Gilbert*

654 companies get export help

The Industry and Trade Ministry's Export Promotion Fund has allocated NIS 87m. in the first seven months of this year to 654 companies, ministry director-general Dov Mishor said yesterday.
Some NIS 48m. was allocated to 349 small exporters, and the rest to medium-sized companies, which must return the funds through a royalties scheme based on success of the ventures.
The funds are used to help companies launch marketing activities and strategies and establish marketing networks abroad, with the aim of boosting national exports.
Mishor noted that 63% of requests were from high-tech companies. Some 410 high-tech companies received 75% of the funds, due to the higher costs in marketing high-tech products. *Nina Gilbert*

Karmiel firm to supply Gaza water systems

Nirosoft Industries, a Karmiel-based water treatment company, has won a contract from the French concern Lyonnaise des Eaux to supply water purification systems for two hospitals in the Gaza Strip, Shifa in Gaza City and Al-Nasser in Khan Yunis.
The funding for the project is from the World Bank, which has given Lyonnaise des Eaux the water management contract for the Gaza Strip, worth tens of millions of dollars. It includes desalination projects and wastewater treatment. *Nina Gilbert*

Eitan: 90% of gov't unprepared for 2000 bug

Ninety percent of the ministries are failing to meet the government-set schedule for converting their information systems to handle the Year 2000 bug, Deputy Minister Michael Eitan, responsible for the Prime Minister's Office's computing and network division, warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday. *Globes News Service*

Public sector workforce up 3.8% in '97

Increase leads to rise in state's actuarial debt

By DAVID HARRIS

The state's payroll, excluding the military, increased 3.8 percent last year, despite the government's legal requirement to cut its workforce by 2%, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.
This increase, plus a 5.6% jump in the number of former government employees now of pensionable age, meant the state's actuarial debt at the end of last year stood at NIS 184.3 billion in real terms, a 5.4% increase on the total 12 months earlier.
The rise in the debt was reported yesterday by Accountant-General Shai Talmor.
The number of pensioners (excluding the military) increased from 66,619 in 1996 to

70,342 by the end of last year. More significantly, according to Treasury figures, the number of state employees increased from 171,015 in December 1996 to 177,472, twelve months later.
The trend is of particular concern to Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander, who was responsible for implementing the government policy of reducing the size of the service by 2% in 1997. This self-imposed obligation was laid down in law at the start of last year.
The Treasury maintains that the 2% reduction is not just in terms of real numbers but also includes the non-renewal of contracts and cutting the numbers of temporary staff, taken on via employment agencies.

The Civil Service Commission is investigating the matter.
In absolute terms, the actuarial debt, which takes into account the expected pension payments to all state workers, including teachers and those in the military, rose to NIS 169.5b. That amount is divided between those already of pensionable age (NIS 76.9b.) and those still working (NIS 92.6b.).
The actuarial figures for 1997 were calculated to include a 3.5% interest capitalization, compared to 3% in 1996. This change in the interest rate calculation is based on changes in the government's long-term bond-raising interest payments. This interest change accounts for some of the difference between the real and absolute actuarial figures.

Negotiations are still ongoing, meanwhile, between the Treasury and Histadrut on a general reform of the pension system.
Last year the sides reached an outline agreement on the issue but have been unable to finalize the details.
The key Treasury proposal is to transfer new government employees to "accumulated pensions," in which workers contribute to pension funds, rather than the current, fully state-funded pensions.
The system would remove much of the burden from the government's hands and insist that employees contribute 5.5% of their monthly salary, with a further 12% from their employer's coffers.



Workers protest

Ha'argaz workers burn crates and tires outside their factory in Tel Aviv yesterday. The workers of the bus-assembly factory are protesting over not receiving half their July salaries. *(Dan Oseendyver/Israel Sun)*

Israel Chemicals 2nd qtr net drops 4%

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Israel Chemicals yesterday said that second quarter net income fell 4 percent to \$29.3 million from \$30.6m. a year earlier.
Israel's largest chemicals manufacturer attributed the decline to a rise in financing expenses and the fact that in the year before the figure included also a one-time capital gain of \$2.4m.
Despite the decline in profitability, revenues for the quarter increased 8% to \$462m. from \$428.2m. in the previous year.
For the first six months of the year net income rose 10.5% to \$57.3m. from \$51.9m. while revenues increased 9.9% to \$907.9m. from \$826.2m.
The company said that its operations were not hit by the Asian crisis. It noted, however, that if the crisis continues it may lead in the future to decreased profits.

Israeli firms involved in F-16 upgrade

By STEVE RODAN

Israeli defense companies are becoming an important component of plans by the US Air Force to upgrade its fleet of 2,200 F-16s.
The defense companies are participating in or have won contracts for the supply of fuel tanks, pylons, control panels and attack targeting systems.
The latest win by an Israeli company came earlier this month when Rafael Armament Development Authority teamed up with US prime contractor Northrop Grumman Corp. and defeated Lockheed Martin in a competition for a \$300 million US Air Force contract. The competition pitted Rafael's Litening targeting system against Lockheed Martin's Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night (Lantim) system.
The US Air Force concluded an initial \$17.7m. contract, along with a five-year plan worth \$300m. to acquire 160 additional pods during the next five years.
The Rafael win was regarded as a surprise by defense industry analysts, who expected the Lantim to be chosen by the US Air Force, which already has installed the Lockheed Martin system on US Air Force F-16s and US Navy F-14s.
Last year, the Lantim beat the Litening in a competition in Holland.

Today, however, the Litening win has prompted interest in Rafael's system for the A-10 ground attack planes and B-52 bombers.
Northrop Grumman executives said their company will serve as prime contractor for all US government foreign military sales of the Litening. Rafael executives confirmed the arrangement, but added that the company will continue to sell Litening independently overseas.

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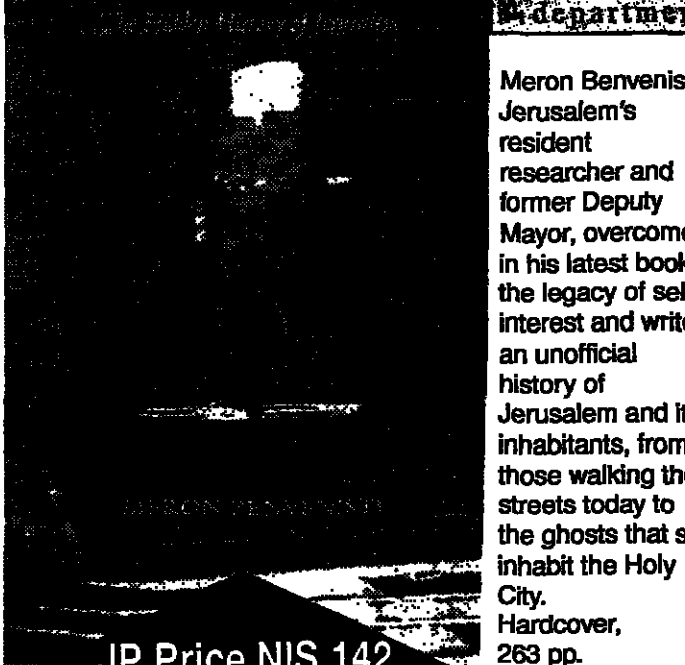
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Major league statistics (Through Friday's games)

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TEAM PITCHING									
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Atlanta	3.33	10.22	4.22	366	968	16	33	1.65	1.33
New York	3.51	10.82	4.50	413	877	14	34	1.65	1.33
San Diego	3.50	11.03	4.58	389	951	9	47	1.65	1.33
Houston	3.63	11.15	4.65	392	884	10	36	1.65	1.33
Los Angeles	3.74	10.41	4.76	404	917	7	35	1.65	1.33
San Francisco	3.74	11.50	4.83	451	857	3	35	1.65	1.33
Chicago	4.26	11.87	5.51	457	958	7	42	1.65	1.33
Montreal	4.34	11.86	5.52	410	792	3	29	1.65	1.33
Milwaukee	4.36	12.06	5.58	433	853	0	33	1.65	1.33
St. Louis	4.41	12.03	5.69	444	760	7	32	1.65	1.33
Cincinnati	4.56	11.44	5.78	464	854	5	30	1.65	1.33
Philadelphia	4.73	11.83	6.07	412	946	10	28	1.65	1.33
Arizona	4.76	11.80	5.98	402	722	3	27	1.65	1.33
Florida	4.87	12.49	6.22	557	885	2	19	1.65	1.33
Colorado	4.99	12.46	6.33	463	750	3	28	1.65	1.33

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING									
Based on 12 decisions									
Player	W	L	ERA	IP	SO	SH	SV	BB	HR
Greg Maddux	20.6	1.3	1.33	163	316	16	6	1.65	1.33
Al Leiter	14.1	11.6	3.4	128	12	4	2.35	1.65	1.33
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McGwire cracks 52nd HR, breaks Ruth's 3-year total

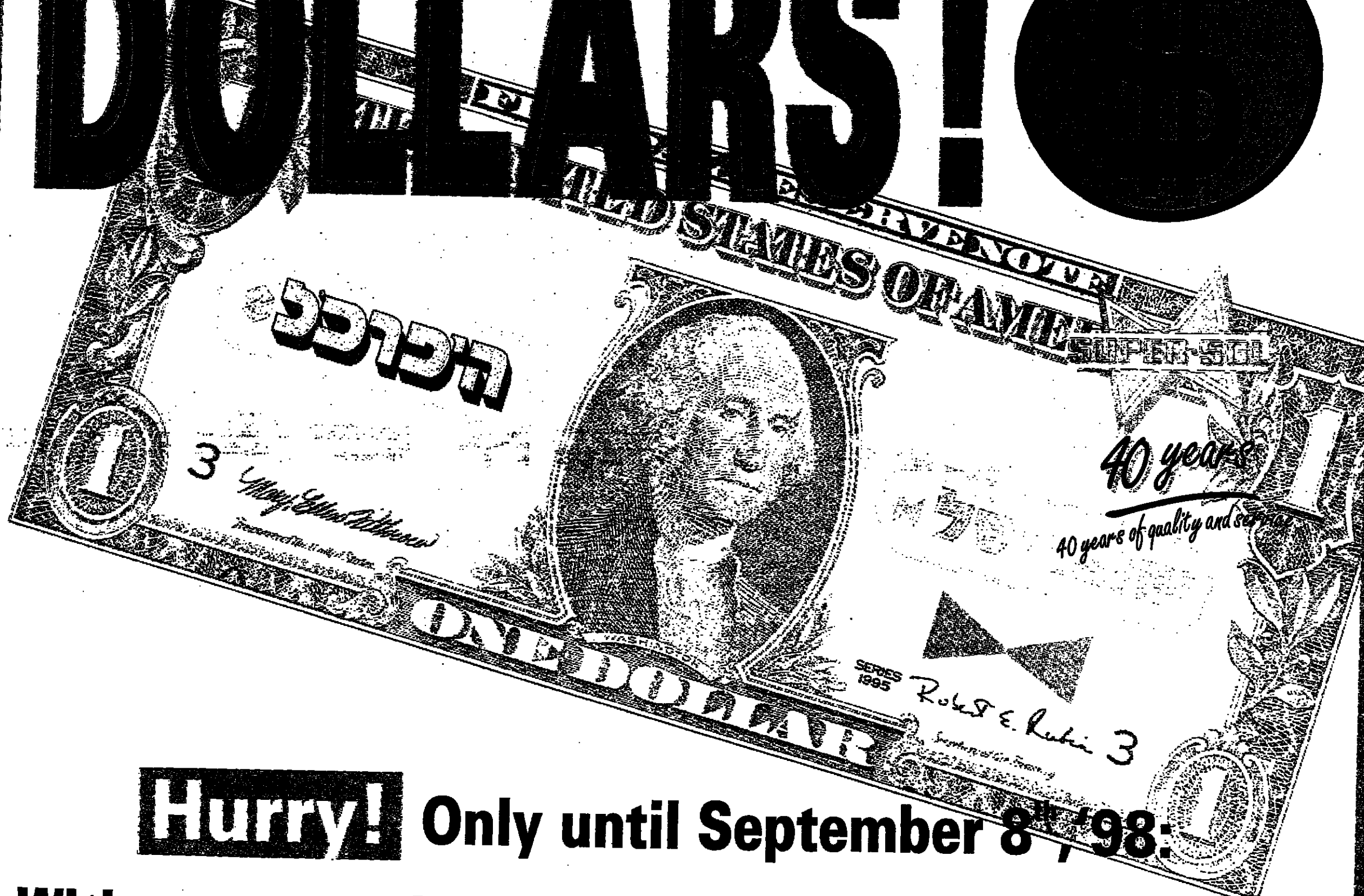
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mark McGwire lowered his countdown to single digits. McGwire broke Babe Ruth's record for homers in three consecutive seasons with his 52nd this year, but the St. Louis Cardinals bowed 14-4 to the Pirates on Saturday. McGwire has 33 games to match Roger Maris' record of 61 homers set in 1961. McGwire powered an 0-2 pitch by Francisco Cordova (12-10) into the right-center stands in the first inning, a 477-foot drive that was the longest in Three Rivers Stadium this season. It was only his third opposite-field homer all year. McGwire has 162 homers in three seasons, including 52 in 1996 and 58 in 1997. Ruth hit 161 from 1926-28. McGwire became the first NL player to reach 52 homers since George Foster for the Cincinnati Reds in 1977. He also set a Cardinals' record for homers in consecutive seasons (76) and an NL record for most homers by a first baseman in one season. In a related development, McGwire responded angrily to an AP story that disclosed he uses an over-the-counter, testosterone-producing strength enhancer legal in baseball but banned by the NFL, Olympics and NCAA. "It's legal and nobody even bothered talking to our trainers," McGwire said. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with it." McGwire said last week that he has been using androstenedione for more than a year. In addition to criticizing the story, McGwire objected to the way the reporter gathered some of his information. "The whole basis of this was some guy from the AP snooping around my locker," he said. AP sports editor Terry Taylor disagreed. "There was no snooping. He was standing with a dozen other reporters in front of an open locker waiting for Mark McGwire to come out of the trainer's room and talk," she said. "He didn't touch anything. He wrote down only what he saw. There was no snooping involved."

Androstenedione has the ability to raise levels of the male hormone testosterone, which builds lean muscle mass and promotes recovery after injury. Braves 5, Dodgers 5: Walt Weiss and Gerald Williams each hit two-run singles and Chipper Jones hit his 30th homer in a game that included a second-inning brawl. Phillies 6, Rockies 1: Paul Byrd (2-0) pitched a five-hitter for his second straight complete game. Byrd was claimed from the Braves on waivers on August 14. Reds 4, Expos 0: Steve Parris (3-3) pitched a three-hitter for his second career shutout, sending host Montreal to its 10th loss in 12 games. Giants 5, Marlins 4: Pinch-hitter Marvin Benard's RBI single capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning, and Jeff Kent hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th for visiting San Francisco. Brewers 6, Padres 4: Rookie Rafael Lopez (1-1) got his first major league victory despite giving up solo homers to Quilvio Vera, Greg Vaughn and Ruben Rivera. In NL games reported in yesterday's edition: Astros 8, Cubs 3: Randy Johnson allowed two hits in seven innings for his fourth victory in five starts with Houston and Moises Alou went 4-for-5 with his 37th homer as the Astros notched a road win. Mets 9, Diamondbacks 4: The Mets, playing their fifth game in less

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● **Hypercol/Super-Sol = NIS 4**

● Hypercol/Super-Sol dollars will be offered until 8 September 1998 ● 1 Hypercol/Super-Sol dollar represents a NIS 4 voucher ● Hypercol/Super-Sol dollars can be redeemed only at Hypercol and Super-Sol branches from Sept. 9-20, 1998 ● Hypercol/Super-Sol dollars will be given for each individual purchase ● Subject to regulations, the chain reserves the right to terminate the special offer. Details at branches ● Up to 30 vouchers can be redeemed at any one purchase.

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